

**Application of Mathematical Methods in the Study of Chemical Dynamical
Systems to an Inventory Multiplier-Accelerator Business Cycle Model**

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1. Introduction

The study of dynamical systems is traditionally thought to have begun with the publication of "New methods of Celestial Mechanics" by Poincaré and expanded with the work of Lyapunov into a theory of the stability of dynamical systems. It was not until the 1960s however that the use of chaos and stability theory exploded across disciplines.¹

Dynamics are typically an unnecessary tool when studying the paths of chemical reactions. Their value became apparent however, when Belousov and later Zhabotinsky released published their work on an oscillatory reaction, a reaction that would later come to be known as the BZ reaction.² Cycles were also known to exist in the biochemical realm with many famous pathways in organisms such as the Krebs cycle and Calvin cycle; however the BZ reaction was developed to create an inorganic analogue to the Krebs cycle.³ The development of this cycle allowed for a relatively easily replicable cyclic reaction with with easily measurable indicators of the progress of the reaction.

The study of dynamical chemical systems has since expanded to a variety of other mechanisms such as self-replicating molecules⁴ in addition to studying fractal patterns and dimensionality involved in electrochemical deposits⁵ and flame patterns.⁶ Despite the fairly wide range of background information required to set up these different models, the underlying mathematical theory used to study these models is identical which has contributed to the wide range of interdisciplinary work performed by theorists in the field.

1.1 Background on Dynamical Systems

Traditional dynamical systems are modelled in continuous time as a system of ordinary differential equations. These systems typically treat time as the singular independent variable and solve for the evolution of one or more variables in terms of time. A classic continuous time dynamical system is the simple pendulum which allows one to model the movement of a pendulum in space in terms of time. This model uses a variety of simplifying assumptions in order to reduce the problem of the pendulum into a single variable function, holding the length of the pendulum and acceleration due to gravity

constant.

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

Most attempts at modelling real-world systems however require the use of multiple dependent variables in order to effectively model. However, as the amount of variables increases, the complexity of the model increases. Modelling and n -body system acting on each other gravitationally is of obvious interest in astronomy; however, it was quickly found that although a 1 and 2 body system were relatively simple to solve for, the introduction of a third body caused significant complications. The 3-body system is in fact what Poincaré studied in order to develop a theory of chaotic deterministic systems.⁷

That is not to say that these systems cannot arrive at ordered solutions. Although continuous time systems require a minimum of 3 variables in order for chaos to arise, there are typically windows of order in chaotic regimes that allow for stable, oscillatory behavior. The BZ-reaction is still being actively studied and is known to be actually highly complex but is often reduced into 7 primary sub-reactions.³ A great deal of the work involved in studying dynamical systems is actually on finding ways to simplify models in order to arrive at more mathematically tractable systems. The BZ-reaction has been simplified to a 3-variable system that still provides the complex periodicity and chaotic behavior characteristic of the model.⁸

Although many processes in the real-world are more intuitively interpreted as operating as a continuous time function, there are many occasions where it is possible and in fact beneficial to think in a discrete-time sense. The prevalence of this type of system varies depending on the exact field of study; however, it is important to note that when computationally modelling continuous time systems, it is impossible for computers to truly operate with continuous variables and thus even these systems are reduced to technically discrete models.

Population dynamics are frequently analyzed as a discrete time system as opposed to continuous time. It is often of more practical use to interpret $t = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ as the change in population per year or per season as opposed to determining the change in population over infinitesimally small changes in time. In terms of technique, many of the mathematical principles used in analyzing dynamic systems in continuous time apply to discrete time systems; however, it would be a mistake to assume the two were identical. An important distinction between the two is the nature by which chaos can occur. As described previously, a continuous time system requires 3 or more dependent variables in order for chaos to occur. A discrete time system only requires 1 variable in order to display the same type of chaotic behavior.

The systems discussed throughout this paper will be of the discrete variety due to

their nature. Laws pertaining to the physical world are scalable to the infinitesimal degree which allows for their use in continuous models. Economic models do not have a basis in physical laws. It is also important to note that, due to the complexity involved in the human behavior that economic models are trying predict, the exact numerical values of the model are typically of minor concern. The general behavior of the model is significantly more valuable in order to determine the effects of an economic assumption.

The logistic map is regarded as the prototypical chaotic discrete time mapping. The logistic function, which the logistic map is based off of, was developed to study population dynamics but actually garnered widespread use in other disciplines such as the study of autocatalytic reactions, computer science, statistics, and economics.⁹

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = f(x)(1 - f(x)) \quad (1.2)$$

The logistic function has 2 equilibria or points where the derivative of the function is 0. $f(x) = 0$ is an unstable equilibrium but $f(x) = 1$ is a stable equilibrium point which means that other points on the function will tend towards this equilibrium overtime. This can be realized by solving for the derivative of the function at points when $f(x) \in (0, 1)$ which is universally positive and $f(x) \in (1, \infty)$ which is negative. Integrating the differential equation gives the general form equation:

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{e^x + C} \quad (1.3)$$

This function gained prominence due to its rapid, exponential growth when $f(x)$ is low and its slow, linear decaying to non-existent growth as population increases. Used by notable mathematicians operating in the field of population dynamics such as Verhulst, Pearl, and Lotka, the model continues to be widely used today and is often the basis upon which other modifications are applied.¹⁰

$$x_{t=1} = \mu x_t(1 - x_t) \quad (1.4)$$

The logistic map is a difference equation model popularized by Robert May as a discrete time analogue to the logistic function.¹¹ When interpreted in the biological context, x_t refers to the ratio of the population at time t compared to the maximal population, thus the mapping is bounded between 0 and 1. Here we see intuitively the major difference between difference equation and differential equation based systems. Differential equations solve for the derivative of a variable with respect to time in terms of the variable, difference equations solve for the actual state of the variable in the successive state provided we know

the state of the variable in the previous time period. Much like how differential equations can be of higher order with the introduction higher order derivatives, a difference equation can also be of higher order by including more time periods in the function for the state of the variable which is valuable in a variety of the models discussed later.

Much like how the equilibrium points were solved for in the differential equation, difference equations also have equilibrium points where $x_{t+1} = x_t$. Interestingly, unlike the logistic function, there does not exist a fixed point at $x_t = 1$ as this would result in $x_{t+1} = 0$. Solving for the fixed points, we have:

$$x_{t+1} = x_t = 0, \frac{\mu - 1}{\mu} \quad (1.5)$$

The stability of a fixed point is again dependent on the derivative of the function; however, there are differences in the details of our analysis. Treating $f(x) = x_{t+1}$, we see the derivative of the logistic map is:

$$f'(x) = \mu(1 - 2x) \quad (1.6)$$

For reasons that will become clear later, the stability of a point on the map requires that $|f'(x)| < 1$. Solving for when this is true for our two fixed points, we see that $\mu < 1$ provides stability for the origin fixed point and $1 < \mu < 3$ gives stability for the non-zero fixed point. Thus, provided the parameter μ satisfies either of the conditions set previously, it will converge to one of the fixed points in a relatively small, finite amount of iterations.

This behavior can be visualized using a cobweb diagram. This diagram consists of 3 primary elements: a plot of the mapping, a 45° line, and a plot of the variable's trajectory. An example of a cobweb diagram can be seen in Figure 1.1. This diagram shows the trajectory of x starting at a value of 0.1 when there is a stable, non-trivial fixed point.

The 45° line is defined as the line where $x_t = x_{t+1}$ which is useful for determining the result of successive iterations. Beginning from the point x_0 , we can then determine what point x_1 will be via the mapping. We can then look horizontally to the 45° line until we intersect with it. The x -coordinate of this intersection point is equivalent to the result of the mapping of the previous iteration, thus using this new point will allow us to determine the result of the next iteration of the function. This process can be repeated ad infinitum; however, the result will soon prove uninteresting for stable points and orbits as the trajectory will converge and repeat its behavior.

The reason the logistic map is so frequently studied is because of its ability to exhibit

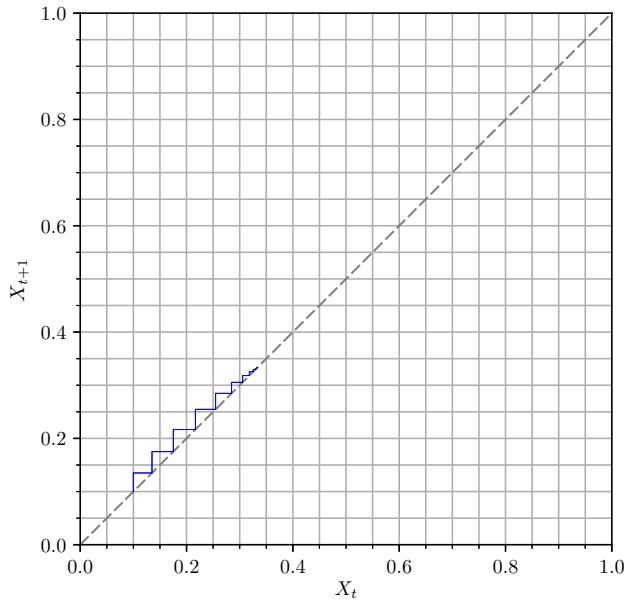


Figure 1.1: Cobweb plot of the logistic map setting $\mu = 1.5$ and $x_0 = 0.1$. The trajectory asymptotically approaches the equilibrium point of $\frac{1}{3}$.

complex behavior beyond a stable equilibrium solution. Once $\mu > 3$, the mapping enters a cyclic region. Much like how fixed points could be solved for by identifying where $x_t = x_{t+1}$, stable oscillatory points can be found by solving for the equilibrium points of higher iterations of the function. A 2-cycle will be such that $x_t = x_{t+2} \neq x_{t+1}$ for example and the stability of a such a cycle can be found using the same methodology as described previously. The logistic map also provides a mechanism to more quantitatively describe what it means for a system to be chaotic. The Lyapunov exponent, named after one of major driving forces in the development of stability analysis, is used to measure the effect of small perturbations in initial conditions on the trajectory of the variable.¹² Conceptually, the logistic map and the systems discussed in this paper are deterministic. However, chaotic systems have highly divergent trajectories with even small changes in their initial conditions; thus knowing approximately what the initial conditions are does not provide approximate information on the trajectory of the variable.

In order to quantify this, we begin by taking the absolute value of the derivative of the function as this allows us to effectively magnify the effect of an infinitesimal change in the initial conditions. We then take the natural logarithm of this derivative in order to measure the exponential rate of separation of trajectories. Finally, we take the average separation over an arbitrarily high number of iterations n as exponential separation is

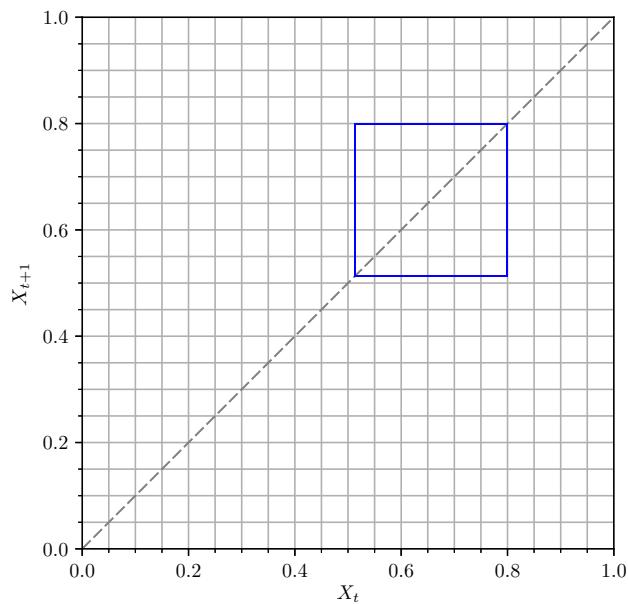


Figure 1.2: 2-period cycle of the logistic map showing only the cyclic behavior.

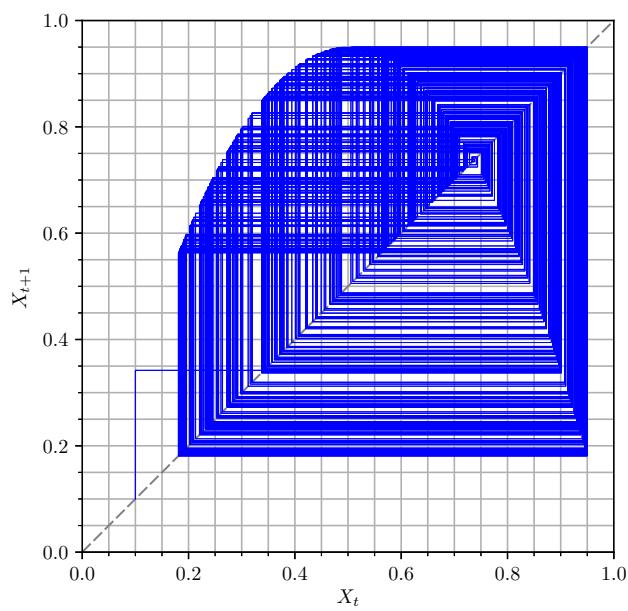


Figure 1.3: Chaotic behavior in the logistic map.

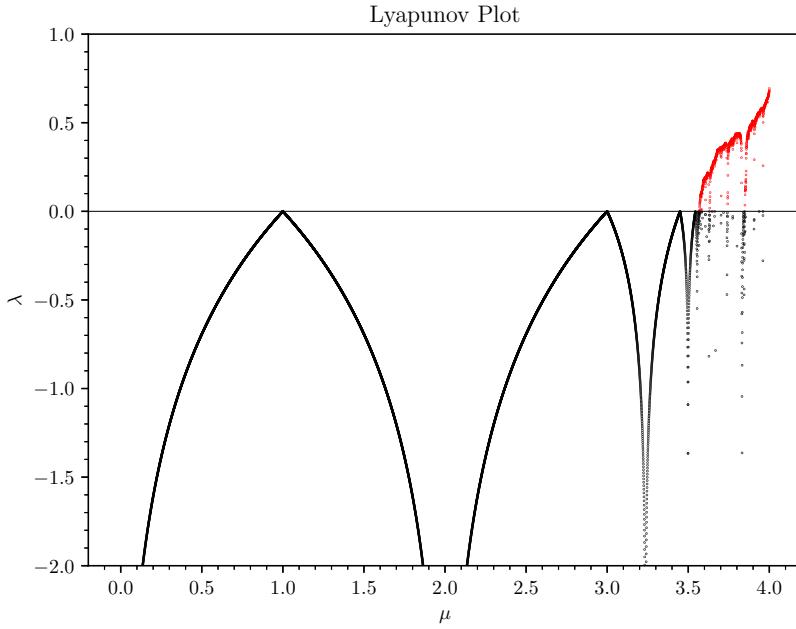


Figure 1.4: Lyapunov exponent plotted against μ for the logistic map. Initial value of 0.1 is used. Red denotes regions where $\lambda \geq 0$, black denotes regions where $\lambda < 0$.

not necessitated over all phase space. This gives us the equation:

$$\lambda_n(x_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{t=n} \ln|f'(x_{t-1})| \quad (1.7)$$

where $\lambda_n(x_0)$ is the lyapunov exponent for a given initial point when allowed to run for n iterations. The true value of the lyapunov exponent is the limit of the infinite series as $n \rightarrow \infty$ divided by n ; however, the complexity of these maps often makes it practically impossible to analytically solve for the limit. By choosing arbitrarily high values of n though, it is possible to achieve better approximations at the expense of computational time. It is also important to note that, although the lyapunov exponent is a function of the initial condition, as long as the initial state is not in some stable fixed point or cycle, the trajectories will follow that of the chaotic attractor, thus the value of the lyapunov exponent should be mostly consistent regardless of the choice of initial conditions.

Another way visually see the behavior is with a bifurcation diagram. This diagram shows the longterm behavior of the variable for a given variable. Figure 1.5 qualitatively shows the behavior described previously. For parameter values between 0 and 1, we see the origin fixed point is stable. For parameter values between 1 and 3, there is still a single fixed point that is monotonically increasing; however, we can also clearly see the

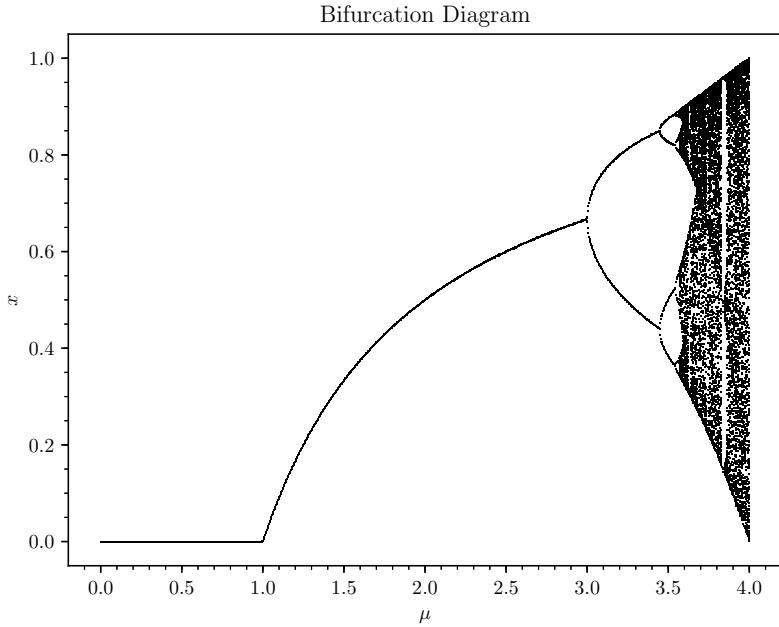


Figure 1.5: Bifurcation diagram plotting x against μ for the logistic map.

beginning of the 2-period cycle once the parameter exceeds 3. It is difficult however, to determine when predictable higher-order cyclic behavior ends and chaotic behavior begins via qualitative observation of the bifurcation diagram. The benefit of the bifurcation diagram is that it allows us to see both where the bifurcation points are and what behavior the bifurcation points signify. Bifurcation points are where infinitesimally small quantitative changes in the parameter induce significant qualitative or topological change in the behavior of the mapping such as the transition from a stable fixed point to a 2-period cycle.

Research on the logistic map and other iterated maps has shown the existence of what is called Feigenbaum's constant. This constant can be found by observing the behavior of the periodic cycles of the map. The interval of stability decreases and the ratio of subsequence intervals actually approaches a limit $\delta \approx 4.6692$.¹² All other topologically similar maps with a single local maximum share this Feigenbaum constant. Once the mapping exceeds this constant, chaos occurs which allows for another method to determine precisely where chaotic behavior occurs.

It is also beneficial to point out that another mechanism exists for cyclic behavior to exist. The previously described method involved taking a mapping and solving for the stability of its double iteration. This allows for $2n$ -period stability cycles to exist. However, there does exist odd-ordered cycles such as the 3 cycle; however, it occurs as a

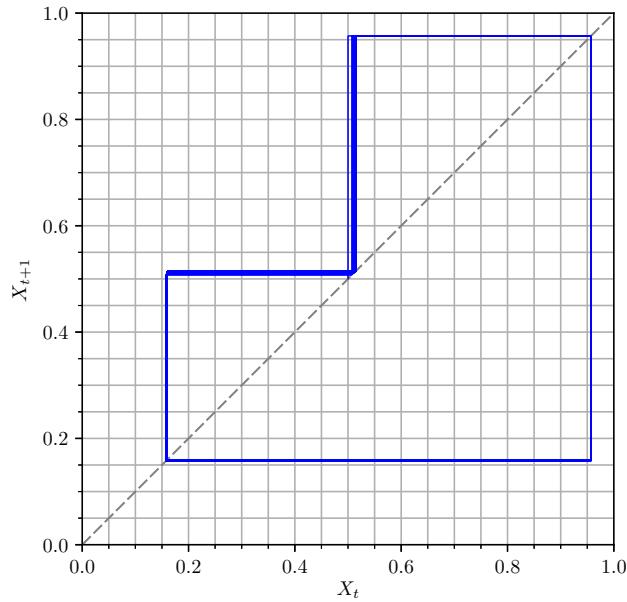


Figure 1.6: 3-period cycle of the logistic map showing only the cyclic behavior.

window of order in the region of chaos. These windows can be seen in Figure 1.4 where the Lyapunov exponent dips into the negative region past the chaotic bifurcation point. These bifurcation points are known as tangent bifurcations. This also allows us to use Sharkovsky's Theorem, which states that any continuous mapping with a 3-period cycle must also have every n -period cycle for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.¹² A variety of other mathematical techniques exist to study the dynamics of difference equation mappings but these will be covered more specifically when used for the specific case.

2. Multiplier-Accelerator Business Cycles

2.1 Background

John Maynard Keynes work revolutionized economic thought; however, he never formalized any of his theories into a mathematical theory. This was performed in a process known as the neoclassical synthesis which was so called for its attempt to bridge classical models with these Keynesian principles. Paul Samuelson and Sir John Hicks were deeply influential in summarizing Keynesian macroeconomics into mathematically tractable models and their work was incorporated into a discrete-time business cycle model by Tönuu Puu.¹² Key to the theory of the model are the concept of a multiplier and accelerator.

Keynes espoused the idea that increasing spending in the economy by some amount actually increased the national output by a greater amount. In essence, the effect of increased spending was actually multiplied by a positive amount. Although this was originally studied in order to determine the effects of changes in government spending in order to inform fiscal policy,¹³ the principle of the mechanism impacts all forms of expenditure in the economy.

Integral to the rise of cyclic dynamics in the model is the presence of the Keynesian accelerator which actually makes use of the multiplier effect. The effect can be best explained via example: suppose there is a general increase in national output level. This increases business profits and expectations, thus inducing them to increase investments. This further increases output via the multiplier effect, causing an accelerating level of growth. The same occurs if the economy depresses as businesses will decrease investment due to falling prospects¹⁴

The combination of these two mechanisms, typically referred to as the multiplier-accelerator effect, are sufficient in creating a stable cyclic or even chaotic economy as opposed to a static steady-state model.

2.2 Model Set-up

The model presented here is exactly that presented by Tönu Puu.¹² The first factor of the economy to consider is that of investment. In order for investment to operate under Keynes' accelerator principle, capital stock must be in a proportion to the change in income, thus the investment level would be a function of the rate of change in income.

A linear function for investment captures this premise; however, this leads to unrealistic behavior for higher magnitudes of income change. Suppose income dramatically increased; a linear function implies that a proportionally high level of investment can sustain this higher level of production when in reality other factors of production such as the land, labor, or technology available are the primary limiting factors. Of larger concern with a linear model though is if the economy encounters a sharp decrease in income. This induces a large, negative value for investment which implies that firms would actively destroy their machinery and other forms of capital stock in the event of an economic recession. This is obviously unrealistic and so John Hicks introduced a piecewise linear investment function such that at extreme levels of income change, investment will reach a predetermined maximal or minimal value. This piecewise function was then adapted to be differentiable over all points by Richard Goodwin by approximating the curve with a hyperbolic-tangent function.¹²

Puu approximates the hyperbolic-tangent function with its linear-cubic Taylor series expansion as this introduces a back-bending behavior into the curve. This allows the investment curve to capture not only firm behavior in the private sector but also implicitly include government spending and taxation. This follows from the now common policy for governments to engage in contracyclic behavior, increasing the quantity and size of spending projects and decreasing taxes when income is decreasing. Likewise, when the economy is performing well, the government cuts back on spending projects intended to stimulate the economy while also increasing taxes in order to take advantage of the overheating economy. We can thus write the function for investment as:

$$I_t = v(Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}) - v(Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2})^3 \quad (2.1)$$

Consumers are expected to adjust their consumption relative to the level of income by some marginal propensity to consume: $1-s$ (s can be thought of as the marginal propensity for consumers to save). However, Puu incorporates a Robertson lag into the model by making current consumption a function of lagged income. Moreover, consumption in the current period includes all income saved from the 2 lagged period. Expressed as a

function:

$$C_t = (1 - s)Y_{t-1} + sY_{t-2} \quad (2.2)$$

This simplified economy only has consumption and investment as its factors, thus

$$Y_t = I_t + C_t \quad (2.3)$$

However, as this model is unbounded, it is more useful to analyze the growth rate of the mapping as opposed to the raw output. Defining

$$\dot{Y}_{t-1} \equiv Y_t - Y_{t-1} \quad (2.4)$$

This growth rate can be solved for as

$$\dot{Y}_t = (v - s)\dot{Y}_{t-1} - v\dot{Y}_{t-1}^3$$

s has a real meaning behind its value but as the value of v is dependent on the value of currency, it can be arbitrarily rescaled by selecting different measures of income. We can thus define a new variable:

$$\mu \equiv v - s$$

to arrive at a first-order, single variable function for growth:

$$\dot{Y}_t = \mu\dot{Y}_{t-1} - (\mu + 1)\dot{Y}_{t-1}^3 \quad (2.5)$$

2.3 Growth Dynamics

If $\mu \in [0, 3]$, this model is bounded within -1 and 1. The mapping has two fixed points:

$$\dot{Y}_t = \dot{Y}_{t-1} = 0, \pm \sqrt{\frac{\mu - 1}{\mu + 1}} \quad (2.6)$$

The first fixed point is stable when $\mu < 1$ and the second fixed point is stable when $1 < \mu < 2$.

When $\mu > 2$ the fixed point loses stability; however, the double iterate of the function gains a stable fixed point, i.e. a stable 2-cycle forms.

The 2-cycle is stable until $\mu \approx$ upon which it gives way to stable 4-cycles. The parameter range of cycle stability decreases as the periodicity of the cycle increases until $\mu \approx 2.302$ which is when this mapping reaches the Feigenbaum constant. Once μ exceeds

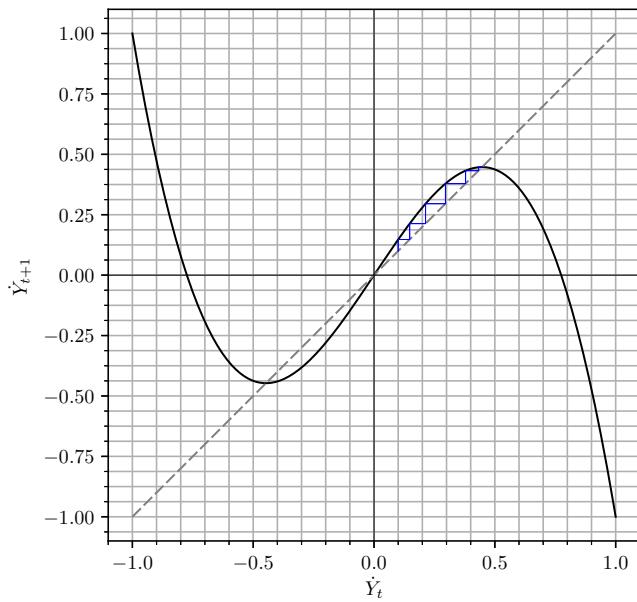


Figure 2.1: Cobweb plot of the multiplier-accelerator model displaying a fixed point at $\dot{Y} \approx 0.447$. $\mu = 1.5$ and $\dot{Y}_0 = 0.5$

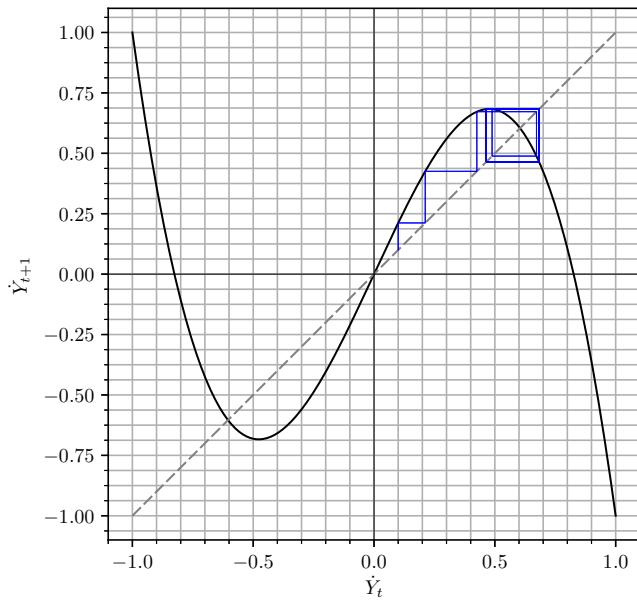


Figure 2.2: Cobweb plot of the multiplier-accelerator model displaying a 2-cycle. $\mu = 2.15$ and $\dot{Y}_0 = 0.1$

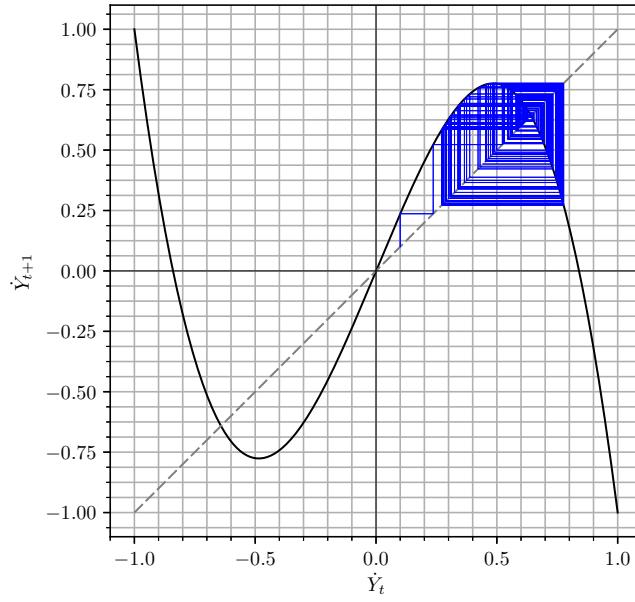


Figure 2.3: Cobweb plot of the multiplier-accelerator model displaying bounded chaos. $\mu = 2.4$ and $\dot{Y}_0 = 0.1$

this point, the model becomes chaotic; however, it is bounded in the quadrant of the original point. It is possible for the mapping to exit the bounds of its quadrant. The value of μ such that the 0 of the mapping is equal to the maximal point of the mapping marks the transition point between bounded chaotic behavior and "unbounded" chaotic behavior (the mapping is still bounded within $[-1, 1]$). This occurs when

$$\mu = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \approx 2.5981$$

Figure 2.5 displays the transitions this mapping makes between a stable fixed point, a 2-cycle, 4-cycle and so on until chaotic behavior arises. It is important to note though that even in the chaotic region, there exist windows of order. Figure 2.6 displays a stable cycle that arises in one such window of order. This cycle is not bounded within its quadrant, it can thus feature endogenous growth and decay in the same cyclic trajectory, which is a significant distinction from all other cycles displayed thus far.

Although the Feigenbaum point provides sufficient proof of the presence of chaos, it is still useful to plot the Lyapunov exponent in order to determine the exact regions of chaotic behavior. Figure 2.7 allows us to explicitly identify the multitude of windows of

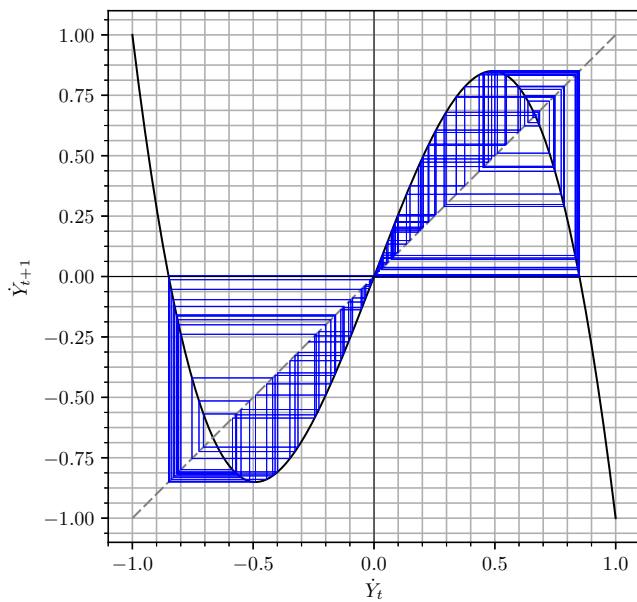


Figure 2.4: Cobweb plot of the multiplier-accelerator model displaying bounded chaos.
 $\mu = 2.6$ and $\dot{Y}_0 = 0.1$

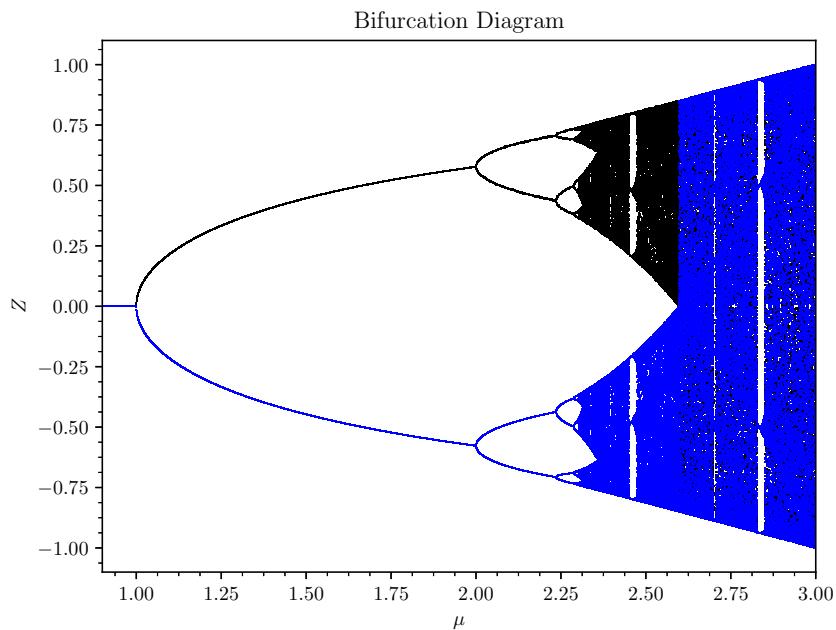


Figure 2.5: Bifurcation diagram of the multiplier-accelerator model varying μ between 0.9 and 3. The plot constructed using 0.1 as an initial point is displayed in black and the plot constructed using -0.1 as the initial point is displayed in blue. The last 50 points given a 10000 iteration timeseries are displayed.

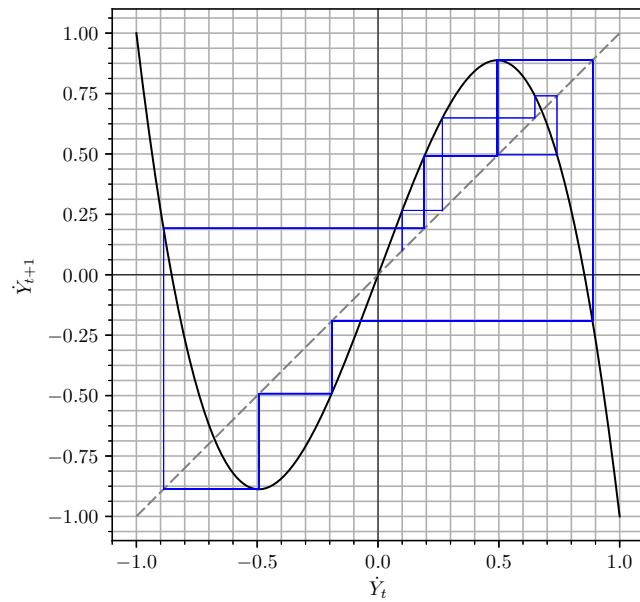


Figure 2.6: Cobweb plot of the multiplier-accelerator model displaying a cycle featuring growth and decay. $\mu = 2.7$ and $\dot{Y}_0 = 0.1$

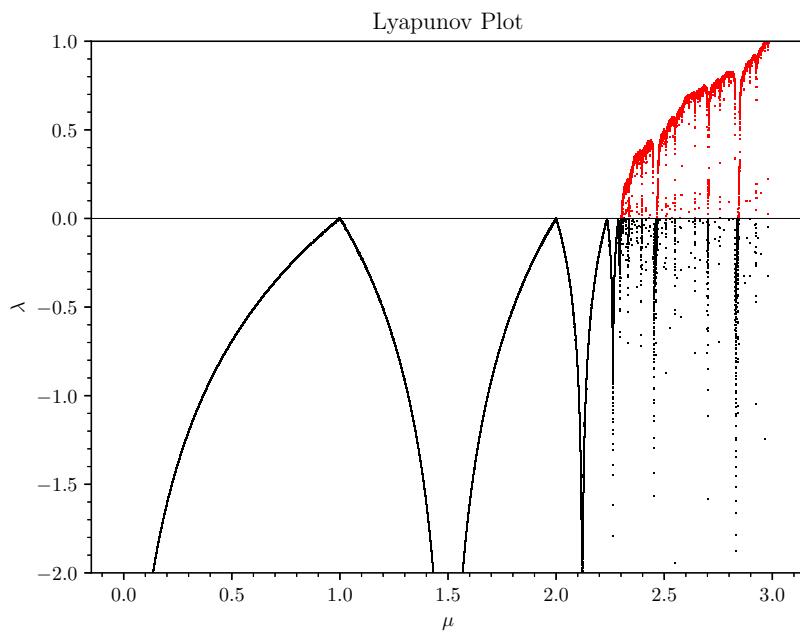


Figure 2.7: Plot of lyapunov exponent varying μ using 0.1 as the initial point. 100,000th iteration of the mapping is used to computationally solve for the lyapunov exponent.

order in the region of chaos.

3. Heterogenous Inventory Cycles by Wegener et al.

3.1 Background

Although nobel prize winning Paul Samuelson was widely credited with providing a mathematical basis to Keynesian economics and popularizing the neoclassical synthesis, he was far from the only economist involved in the movement^{13,15}

Another notable Keynesian was Lloyd Metzler who developed a type of multiplier-accelerator business cycle. This type of model allows for cyclic behavior to occur endogenously, that is to say the model allows for persistent behavior outside of the steady state. This idea runs contrary to the idea that economic booms and recessions are reactions to exogenous shocks which is common in the new classical models. Also known as freshwater economics, these models assume that agents are perfectly rational and are capable of learning from past experiences. This viewpoint came into prominence in the late 1970s with a model by Lucas and Sargent¹⁶ which sought to move past these seemingly outdated Keynesian principles. In the modern day however, Keynesianism has regained popularity with a new neoclassical synthesis that resulted in a new school of thought, New Keynesianism, that seeks to provide stronger micro-foundations to macroeconomic models than was previously encountered in neo-Keynesianism.

Many models developed in the neo-Keynesian era of economics still remain in use but have either been expanded or used to study specific relationships. Wegener, Wegener, and Zaklan expand upon Metzler's inventory cycle model by introducing heterogenous expectations into firm behavior.¹⁷

Unlike the well known multiplier-accelerator model developed by Samuelson and Hicks, the dynamics of this model are driven by shifts in the heterogenous mix of behaviors in the firms. This model reduces the decision of firms to one of two behaviors, a regressive type and an extrapolative type. The extrapolative behavior occurs when a firm predicts that future income will deviate from the long-run average. The regressive behavior occurs when firms predict that future income will return to the long-run average. It is this heterogeneity as well as the ability for firms to switch their behavior type that is the

defining feature of this model.

3.2 Model Set-Up

In this business cycle model, the economy is closed and income is determined completely by the quantity of goods produced by firms. Goods are completely homogenized but can be produced for 3 purposes: stock S , consumption U , and investment I . This lets us define income as:

$$Y_t = I_t + S_t + U_t \quad (3.1)$$

Investment is held to be exogenously determined and constant, thus:

$$I_t = \bar{I} \quad (3.2)$$

Consumption adapts to income according to the marginal propensity to consume, b . As this model follows closely to the framework developed by Metzler,¹⁸ consumption adapts directly to the current income level as follows:

$$C_t = bY_t \quad (3.3)$$

Producers have a desired level of inventory based on the expected level of consumption goods. Thus setting, $k > 0$:

$$\hat{Q}_t = kU_t \quad (3.4)$$

where Q is the level of inventory. In order to achieve this desired level of inventory, firms produce S amount of output such that:

$$S_t = \hat{Q}_t - Q_{t-1} \quad (3.5)$$

However, the expected level of consumption does not necessarily match the produced level of goods. The realized level of inventory change can thus be determined as:

$$Q_t = \hat{Q}_t - (C_t - U_t) \quad (3.6)$$

The quantity of goods produced for consumption is determined by firms expectations for desired consumption. The extrapolative expectation rule is used by firms that believe consumption levels will continue shifting away from the long-run average quantity. This

behavior is interpreted mathematically as:

$$U_t^E = C_{t-1} + c(C_{t-1} - \bar{C}) \quad (3.7)$$

where $c \geq 0$ denotes the speed at which firms expect consumption to deviate from the long-run level.

The other possible strategy firms can take is to expect consumption to return to the equilibrium level. This is described as the regressive expectation rule and is interpreted mathematically as:

$$U_t^R = C_{t-1} + f(\bar{C} - C_{t-1}) \quad (3.8)$$

where $0 \leq f \leq 1$ denotes the expected adjustment speed to the long-run level.

As this economy only involves two expectation rules, the aggregate expected level of consumption is a simple weighted average:

$$U_t = w_t U_t^E + (1 - w_t) U_t^R \quad (3.9)$$

The weight is defined as a function of consumption level which allows firms to switch their predictive behavior based on the current consumption level. Intuitively, as consumption deviates further from equilibrium, more firms will believe that the boom or slump will end and adjust in accordance. Likewise, when consumption is close to equilibrium, firms will believe it to be more accurate to extrapolate consumption. Weight is determined by the function:

$$w_t = \frac{1}{1 + d(\bar{C} - C_{t-1})^2} \quad (3.10)$$

where d is determined by the popularity of the regressive rule.

Taking these rules in aggregate, income is a second-order nonlinear iterated mapping. Condensing the model, we arrive at the mapping:

$$Y_t = U_t + kU_t - (1 + k)U_{t-1} + C_{t-1} + \bar{I} \quad (3.11)$$

This gives a single fixed point of:

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{1 - b} \bar{I} \quad (3.12)$$

It is apparent that, as \bar{Y} is constant, the theoretical set-up of the model is only valid if there is no long-term growth. This is because the predictive mechanism used by firms is reliant on the difference between the lag in consumption and the steady-state level of consumption. If consumption were to consistently grow, then this difference would also

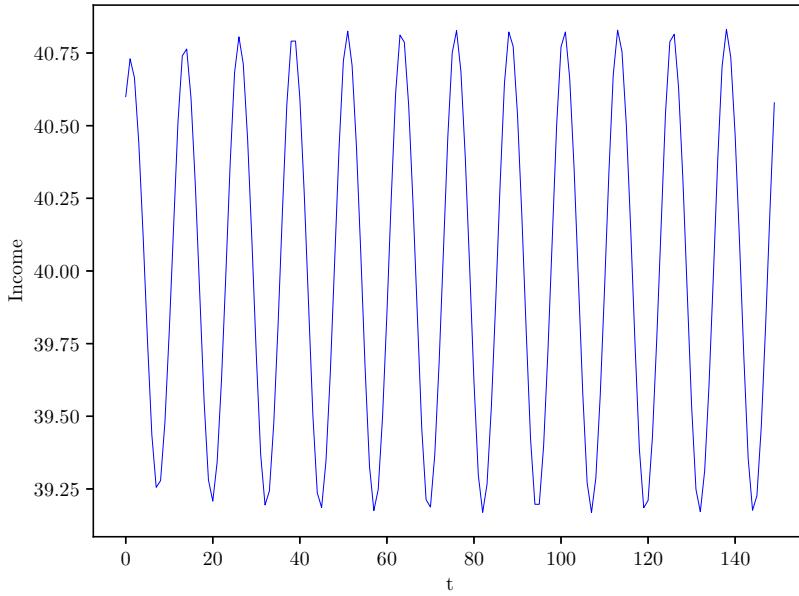


Figure 3.1: Timeseries plot of inventory cycle as described by Wegener et al.¹⁷ Simulation is determined given $Y_0 = 40.6$, $U_0 = 30.3$, and $\bar{I} = 10$. The parameters of the model are: $b = 0.75$, $c = 0.3$, $d = 1.0$, $f = 0.1$, $k = 0.1$. Income does not feature long-run growth but rather oscillates around the steady state level of income.

grow over time, eliminating any effective purpose in providing heterogenous expectations as firms would practically unanimously switch to the extrapolative mechanism.

3.3 Analysis of Income Dynamics

In the example trajectory given above, income clearly followed bounded, cyclic behavior. As seen with the analysis of the logistic map however, there are other types of long-term behavior possible. Given the restrictions on parameters, the steady-state level of income is stable if:

$$k < \frac{1 - b - bc}{b(1 + c)} \quad (3.13)$$

The proof for this can be seen in the appendix of Wegener et al.¹⁷ The stability of the steady state is only dependent on b , k , and c , thus the behavior of the regressive expectation rule and the ratio of firms behaving with each expectation rule do not affect the stability of this fixed point. This can be seen graphically using bifurcation diagrams of the parameters.

There is a Neimark-Sacker bifurcation where $b \approx 0.65$ which marks a transition point

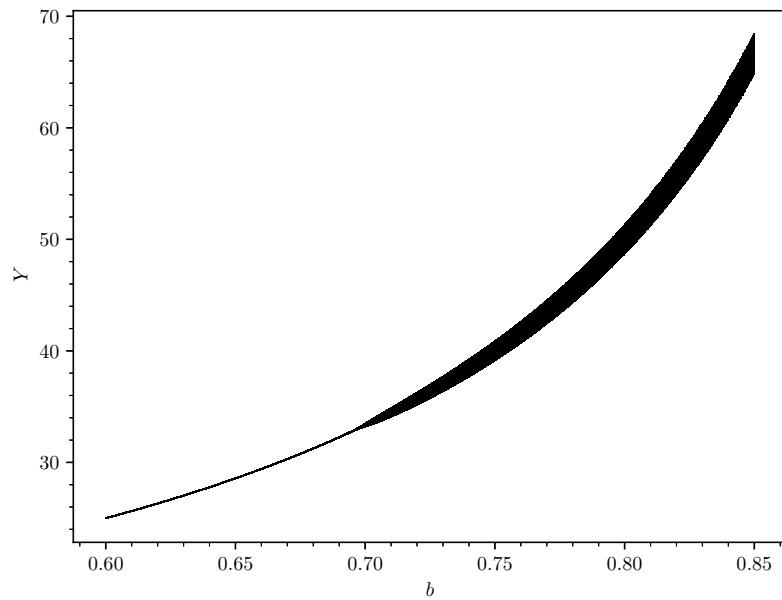


Figure 3.2: Bifurcations diagram varying the parameter b over the range $[0.2, 0.85]$ holding all other parameters and initial conditions as described in Figure 3.1. The simulation was allowed to run for 1000 iterations and the last 50 points are captured in the diagram.

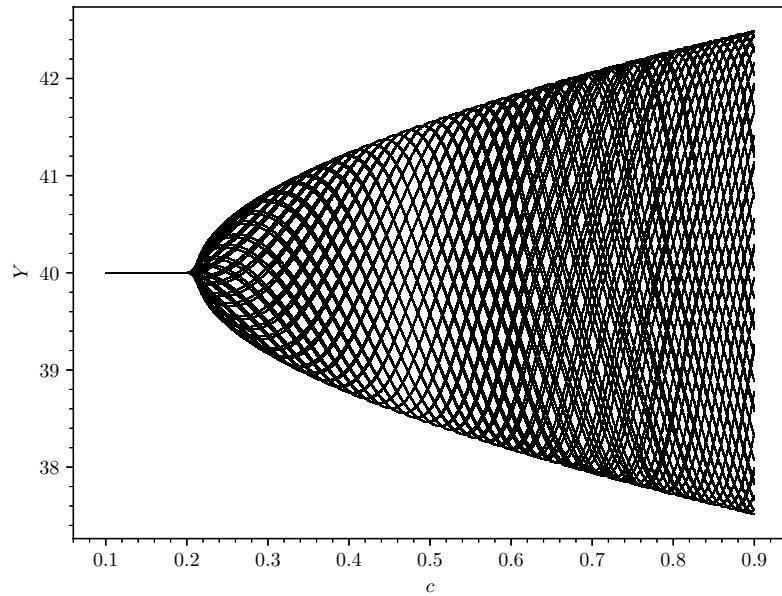


Figure 3.3: Bifurcations diagram varying the parameter c over the range $[0.1, 0.9]$ holding all other parameters and initial conditions as described in Figure 3.1. The simulation was allowed to run for 1000 iterations and the last 50 points are captured in the diagram.

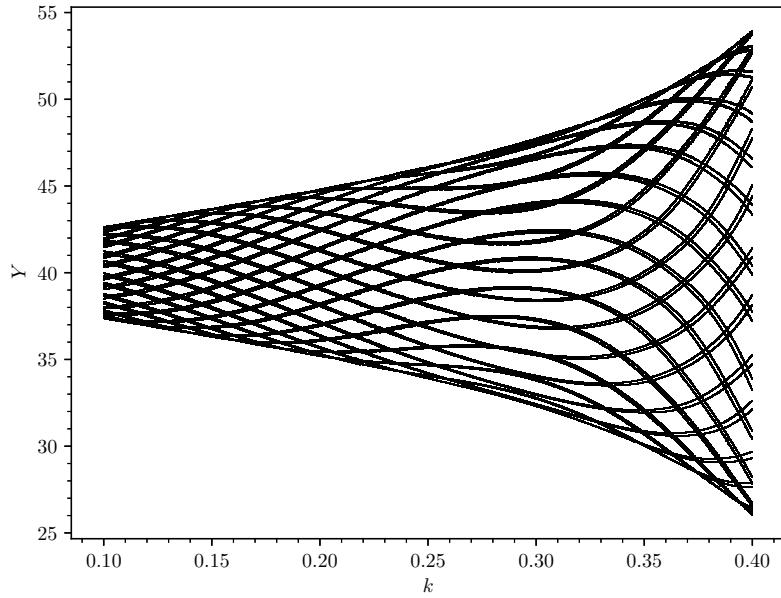


Figure 3.4: Bifurcations diagram varying the parameter k over the range $[0.1, 0.4]$ holding all other parameters and initial conditions as described in Figure 3.1. The simulation was allowed to run for 1000 iterations and the last 50 points are captured in the diagram.

from a stable fixed point to a bounded cycle. However, as b approaches 1, the bifurcation diagram does not graphically feature cycles of well defined order. Varying c and k alters the behavior of the cycles as seen in Figure 3.3 and 3.4. Altering d or f affects the magnitude of the inventory cycles but does not have any effect on the presence of the cycles.

The bifurcation diagrams varying the c , k , d , and f parameters appear to display clear cyclic behavior. However, this is actually a product of the graphical display of the bifurcation diagram. The diagram is constructed by iterating the mapping over 1000 time periods and displaying the results of the last 50 time-periods. This results in the appearance of 50-cycles over the span of the bifurcation diagram; however, reducing or increasing the amount of iterations to display likewise changes the apparent periodicity of the cycle.

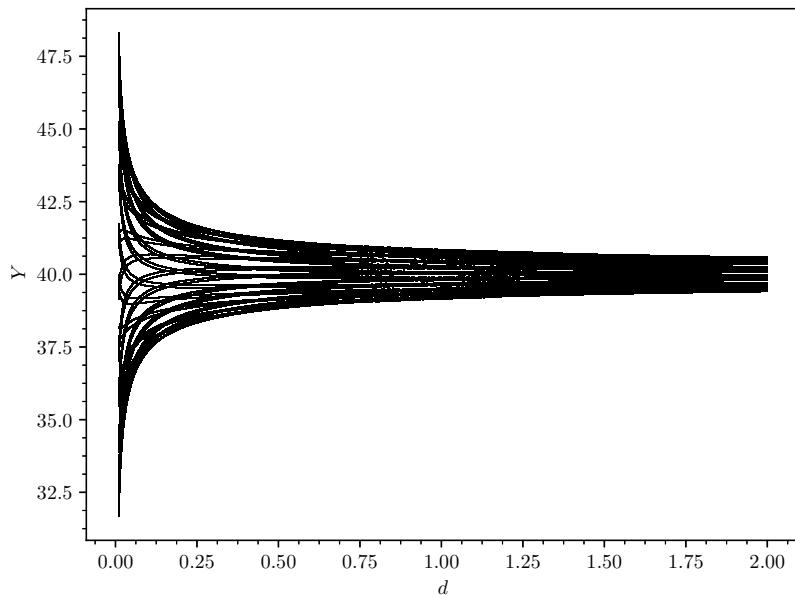


Figure 3.5: Bifurcations diagram varying the parameter d over the range $[0.01, 2.0]$ holding all other parameters and initial conditions as described in Figure 3.1. The simulation was allowed to run for 1000 iterations and the last 50 points are captured in the diagram.

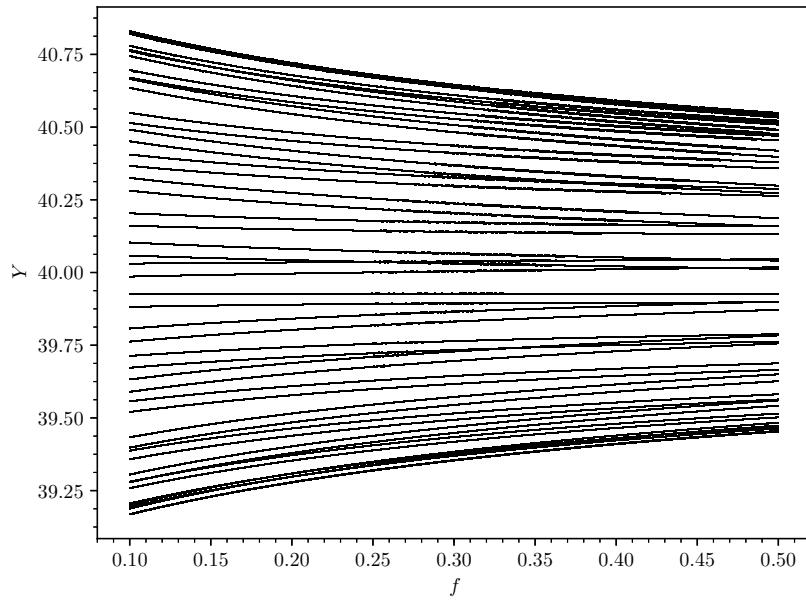


Figure 3.6: Bifurcations diagram varying the parameter f over the range $[0.1, 0.5]$ holding all other parameters and initial conditions as described in Figure 3.1. The simulation was allowed to run for 1000 iterations and the last 50 points are captured in the diagram.

4. Inventory Cycles with Averaged Expectations, Endogenous Investment, and Consumption Lag

4.1 Model Set-Up

Metzler's and Wegener's model show that it is possible for endogenous business cycles to be induced through inventory cycles and the failure of firms to accurately predict future consumption. These models were designed to focus on the effects of firm expectations with Wegener's contribution consisting of introducing a heterogenous expectation rule that allows firms to switch behavior based on the state of the economy. Both of these models however simplify other aspects of the economy that feature more complex behavior in other business cycle models.

The inventory cycle model features 3 main factors of production: predicted consumption, investment, and inventory. Metzler and Wegener holds investment as an exogenously determined constant; however, this is both unrealistic and does not allow for long term endogenous growth. To incorporate a mechanism for endogenously adjusting investment, we take inspiration from the multiplier-accelerator model presented in Chapter 2.

The problem with the cubic investment function used in that model is that it leads to unbounded behavior in the extremes, much like the linear function. Puu resolves this by ensuring that income growth is bounded by $[-1, 1]$; this is not the case for our model however. We instead want a function that features similar curvature and behavior as the cubic function but flattens when income change is of significant magnitude. This can be accomplished with the following function:

$$I_t = \frac{\frac{Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}}{v}}{(\frac{Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}}{v})^4 + q} \quad (4.1)$$

The behavior of this function qualitatively resembles that of the linear-cubic function described in by Puu when $v, q > 0$ and ; however, $\lim_{(Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}) \rightarrow \infty} I_t = 0$. This function

is at its absolute maximum and minimum when:

$$Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} = \pm \frac{q^{1/4}v}{3^{1/4}}$$

Thus giving a maximal or minimal investment of:

$$I_t = \frac{3^{3/4}}{4q^{3/4}}$$

Intuitively, larger values of v make the function "wider", increasing the range over $Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}$ where I_t is not effectively 0. Smaller values of q increases the magnitude of the maximum and minimum of the function, effectively making it taller. v and q cannot be directly attributed to any direct economic phenomena; however, their effect on the function can be interpreted analogously to the properties of the linear-cubic function. The "height" of the function determines the potential magnitude of investment and the "width" determines the rate at which investment, both private and public, react to changes in income.

Metzler describes the existence of two important lags in the study of Keynesian models. The Robertson lag is characterized by making current consumption a function of past income, i.e. consumption behavior lags behind current income. The Lundberg lag however concerns a discrepancy between the income level and the production decision of firms¹⁸. These lags are named after the two economists D. H. Robertson and Erik Lundberg who developed models that contained only their eponymous lag type. Although both lags are likely to exist in reality, most models only incorporate one lag due to the increased complexity associated with it. Metzler and Wegener make use of a Lundberg lag by making income a function of the predicted level of consumption as opposed to actual consumption. Tönu Puu's model makes use of a Robertson in order to induce endogenous business cycles. Metzler himself does not claim that the Lundberg sequence is any more realistic than the Robertson sequence. Whichever lag has a longer time-period can be treated as of being greater importance but Metzler actually proposes a variety of scenarios that present contradicting conclusions. Suppose that decided their behavior on a quarterly basis but consumers altered their spending behavior with every paycheck, then it is no longer unrealistic to treat the Robertson lag as being of 0 length, i.e. nonexistent. If consumers revise their spending behavior every 6 months to a year, then it would actually be more realistic to include a non-zero Robertson lag while minimizing the Lundberg lag.

For the purposes of this model, we will include a non-zero Lundberg and Robertson

lag. The consumption function is treated exactly as presented in Puu:

$$C_t = (1 - s)Y_{t-1} + sY_{t-2} \quad (4.2)$$

This function incorporates a 1-period Lundberg lag where $s \in [0, 1]$ is the marginal propensity to save. This function also contains a 2-period delayed consumption due to the marginal propensity to save, thus all income made in some period t can be thought of as being eventually spent in the period $t + 1$ and $t + 2$. Although intuitive, this explanation is not wholly accurate as the Lundberg lag does not imply saving of income to spend in the next period but rather that spending behavior is influenced only on the information of lagged income level. The choice of s dictates the relative importance of lagged income, a higher marginal propensity to save reduces the impact of income made in the previous time period but increases the effective impact of the income made two time periods ago.

As the economy is also making use of a Robertson lag, income is not directly a function of consumption as may be seen in other models. Rather, income is viewed from a production standpoint. This is achieved by explicitly defining a predicted level of consumption. Wegener and Metzler use an equation similar to the form:

$$U_t = C_{t-1} + \eta(C_{t-1} - C_{t-2})$$

However, this assumes that firms have no way to adapt their coefficient of expectation η .

A new predictive mechanism requires that firms have bounded rationality. If firms possessed perfect rationality, then they would be able to perfectly predict consumption levels as consumption is based on lagged income, thus if we wish to maintain our Robertson lag, firms must still have bounded rationality. Another mechanism that firms can use that maintains better "memory" is that of an average.

$$U_t = \frac{C_{t-1} + C_{t-2} + C_{t-3}}{3} \quad (4.3)$$

This formulation is an average of the consumption levels of the past 3 time periods. The choice of three time periods is relatively arbitrary and higher order difference equations of the same form can be used; however these higher order formulations can result in a less mathematically tractable model.

Inventory production proceeds as seen in Chapter 2 with firms producing S_t explicitly to maintain Inventory at optimal levels:

$$S_t = kU_t - Q_{t-1} \quad (4.4)$$

where Q_t is the level of inventory maintained at the end of time t and $k \in [0, 1]$. This can be solved for as the sum of the previous inventory level, production intended for inventory, and the difference between production intended for consumption and the actual consumption level:

$$Q_t = Q_{t-1} + S_t + (U_t - C_t) \quad (4.5)$$

Income level, or output, can thus be written as a sum of production:

$$Y_t = I_t + S_t + U_t \quad (4.6)$$

However, as income has the capability of sustained growth under this model, it is preferable to analyze the rate of change of income in this model. In Appendix ??, we show that the growth rate of the economy can be interpreted as a single variable, 6th order difference equation on \dot{Y} :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Y}_t &= \frac{\frac{\dot{Y}_{t-1}}{v}}{\left(\frac{\dot{Y}_{t-1}}{v}\right)^4 + q} - \frac{\frac{\dot{Y}_{t-2}}{v}}{\left(\frac{\dot{Y}_{t-2}}{v}\right)^4 + q} + \\ &\quad \frac{k+1}{3} \left[(1-s)(\dot{Y}_{t-2} - Y_{t-5}) + s(\dot{Y}_{t-3} - Y_{t-6}) \right] + (1-s)\dot{Y}_{t-2} + s\dot{Y}_{t-3} \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

4.2 Growth Dynamics

The long run dynamics of the model are highly dependent on the choice of initial conditions. Simulation of the model require a choice of 6 initial values of income change in addition to the parameter choice. If the 6 initial values are equivalent, all future iterations of the mapping are equal to this choice and the model remains in a stable steady state. It is both more interesting and realistic then to consider cases where there is variation in initial income growth. Figure 4.1 displays a possible trajectory of income growth. Under the parameters listed, the trajectory clearly behaves in a stable, cyclic manner within 40 iterations.

There do not exist techniques to solve generalized 6th order difference equations; however it is possible to computationally solve for the long run dynamics of the system.

The bifurcation diagram displayed in Figure 4.2 displays the long-run behavior of the model as s is varied. The methodology of the computational analysis and results are displayed in detail in Section ?? and Section ??, respectively. Long-run values are rounded to their nearest whole number for the purposes of this computational analysis although it is possible to account for higher levels of numerical precision using the analyzer. A

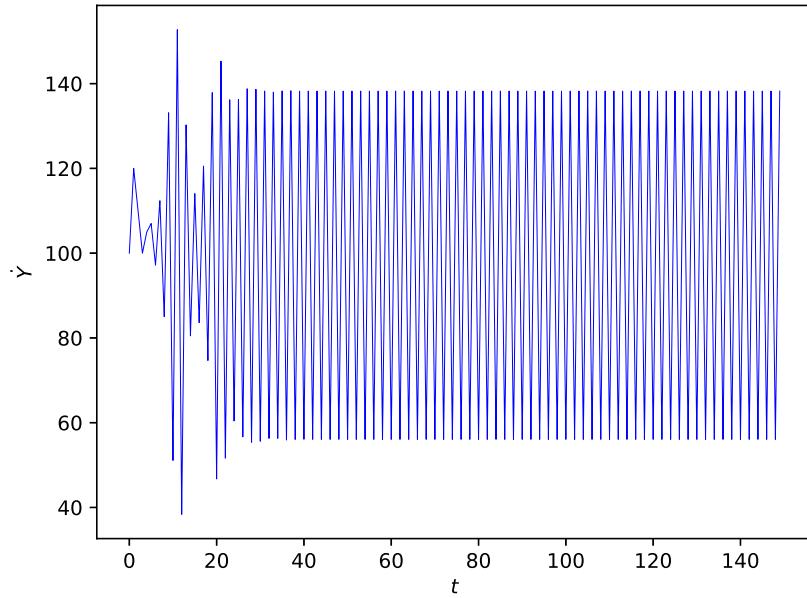


Figure 4.1: Timeseries plot of income growth rate over 150 iterations. $s = 0.6$, $k = 0.3$, $v = 500$, $q = 0.001$. Initial values of \dot{Y} are: 100, 120, 110, 100, 105, 107

bifurcation point exists at $s = 0.65$ and $s = 0.53$, the mapping is a stable 2 cycle when s is between these two values. This implies the presence of a stable business cycle when the marginal propensity to save is moderately high; however, the behavior appears chaotic when the marginal propensity to save approaches either extreme.

The bifurcation diagram varying k seen in Figure 4.3 qualitatively appears much simpler than Figure 4.2. This diagram displays a bifurcation point when $k \approx 0.84837$. The model displays stable 2-cycle behavior until this point although the system continues to display windows of ordered cycles. It thus appears that although increasing the desired proportional level of inventory does increase the long-run level of cyclic growth, it does not affect the topology until k is unrealistically large.

Figure 4.4 exhibits stable, fixed growth when $v \in [1, 297.338) \cup (617.104, 2000]$ which is the upper bound of what was computationally determined. The model also displays a stable 2-cycle when $v \in (472.173, 589.757)$. Likewise, Figure 4.5 has a bifurcation point at $q \approx 0.0015997$ and $q \approx 0.0015976$ which mark transitions from a stable, fixed point to a 2-period cycle to a 3-period cycle (more bifurcation points exist within the diagram and are more easily viewed by narrowing the parameter variation range). As stated previously, v and q individually lack an economic interpretation, but together they approximate the dynamics of a linear-cubic investment curve while incorporating bounded, asymptotic

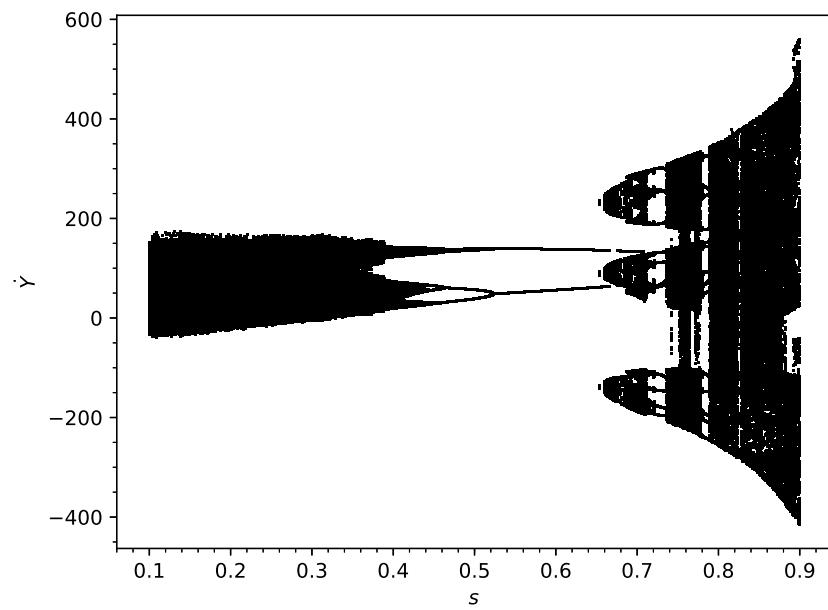


Figure 4.2: Bifurcation diagram varying s between 0.1 and 0.9. Initial conditions and other parameters are held constant as described in Figure 4.1.

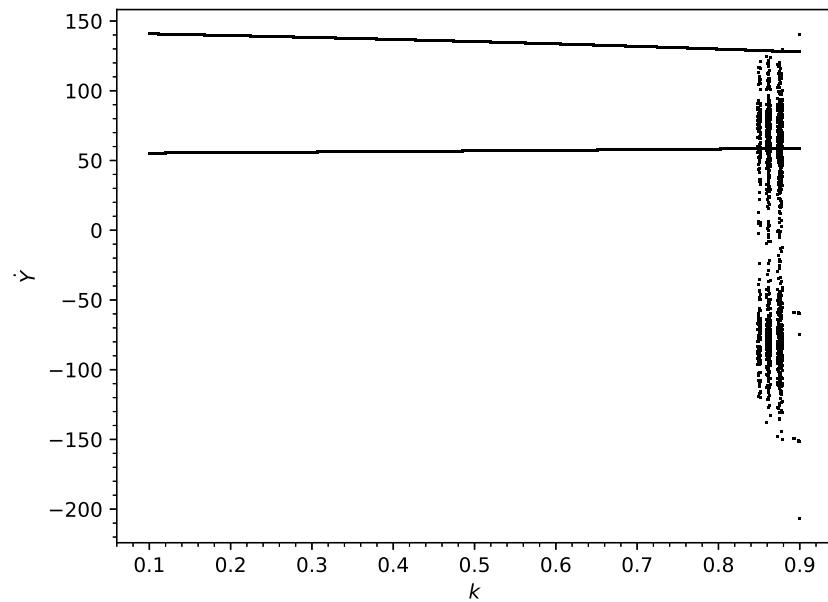


Figure 4.3: Bifurcation diagram varying k between 0.1 and 0.9. Initial conditions and other parameters are held constant as described in Figure 4.1.

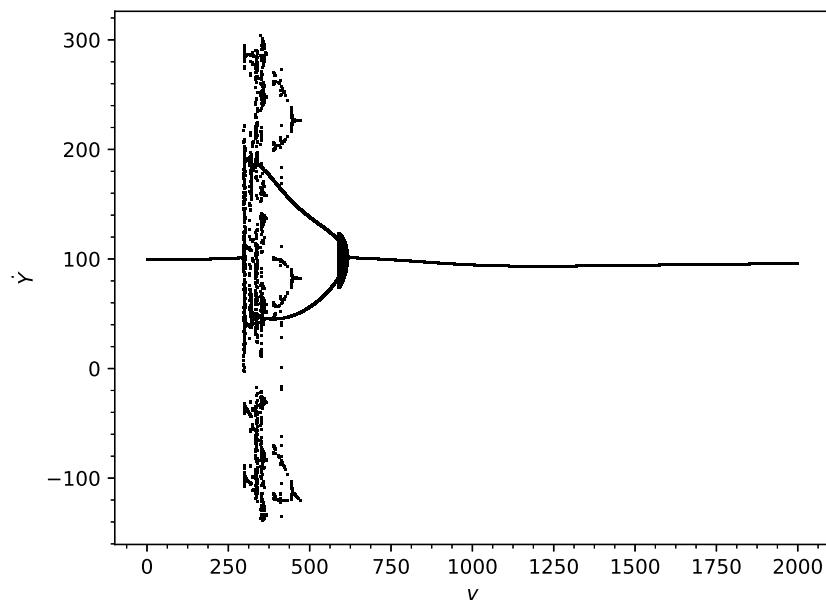


Figure 4.4: Bifurcation diagram varying v between 1 and 2000. Initial conditions and other parameters are held constant as described in Figure 4.1.

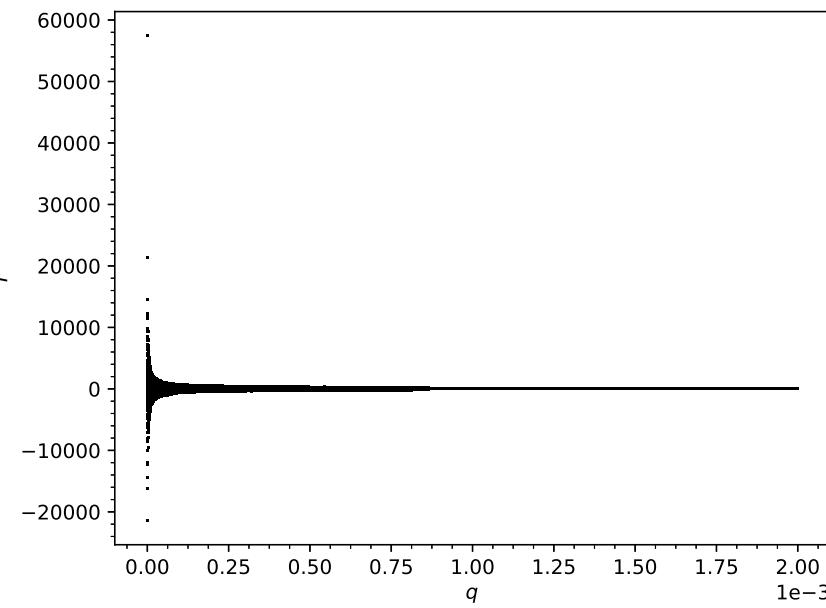


Figure 4.5: Bifurcation diagram varying q between 0 and 0.0001. Initial conditions and other parameters are held constant as described in Figure 4.1.

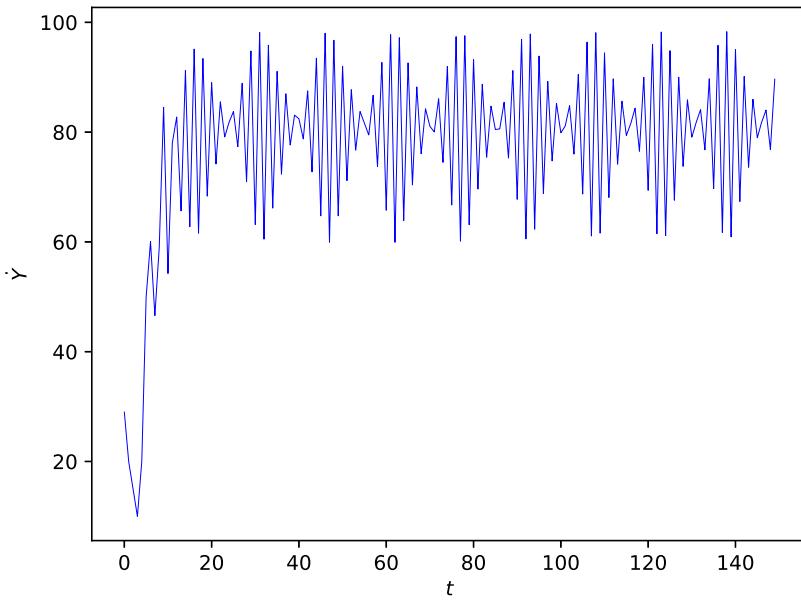


Figure 4.6: Timeseries plot of income growth rate over 150 iterations. Parameter choice is identical to that of Figure 4.1. Initial values of \dot{Y} are: 29, 20, 15, 10, 20, 50,

behavior.

These bifurcation diagrams do not tell the complete story of this model however for any given set of parameters. As stated previously, the choice of constant initial conditions will result in a constant trajectory of income growth. However, it is also trivial to show the existence of other trajectories by creating a timeseries holding the parameters constant but shifting the initial conditions.

The timeseries displayed in Figure 4.1 and Figure ?? share the same parametrization but they clearly display distinct dynamics and are centered around different growth rates. It can be helpful then to think of each initial value as a parameter for the purposes of analysis, thereby allowing us to create bifurcation diagrams in order to identify the effects in the long-run behavior of the model with varying initial conditions.

This diagram shows several clearly defined regions of stable, ordered behavior. There is a bifurcation when $Y_0 \approx -267.986$ that causes the dynamics of the mapping to shift away from fixed, stable growth. There is also a region where stable 2-cycles exist between -180.378 and 231.903 before the emergence of higher order cycles.

Figure 4.8 is also relatively simple to analyze, featuring a fixed growth rate until the bifurcation point where $Y_1 \approx -99.010$. A region of stable 2-cycles also exist when $Y_1 \in (-48.205, 220.542)$. Fixed growth recommences when $Y_1 \approx 243.104$ before shifting

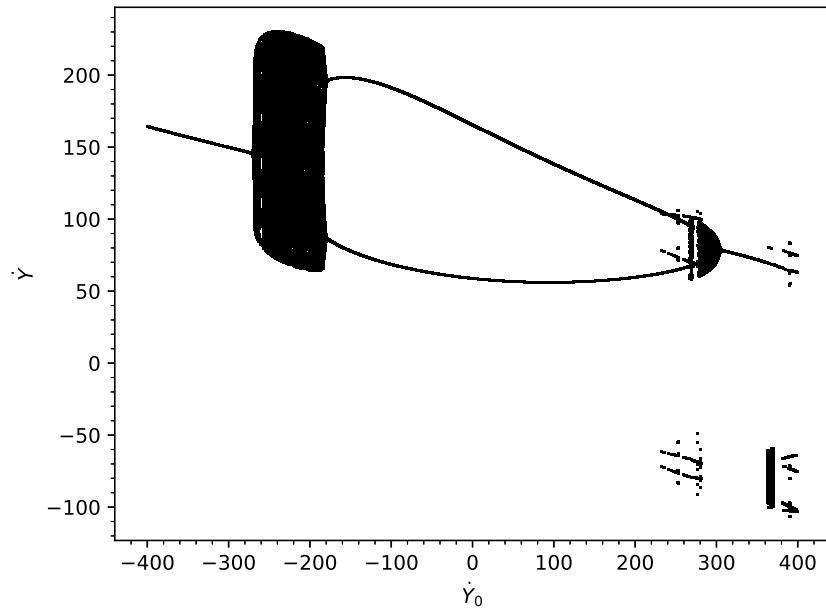


Figure 4.7: Bifurcation diagram varying \dot{Y}_0 between -400 and 400. All other parameters and initial conditions kept as described in Figure 4.1

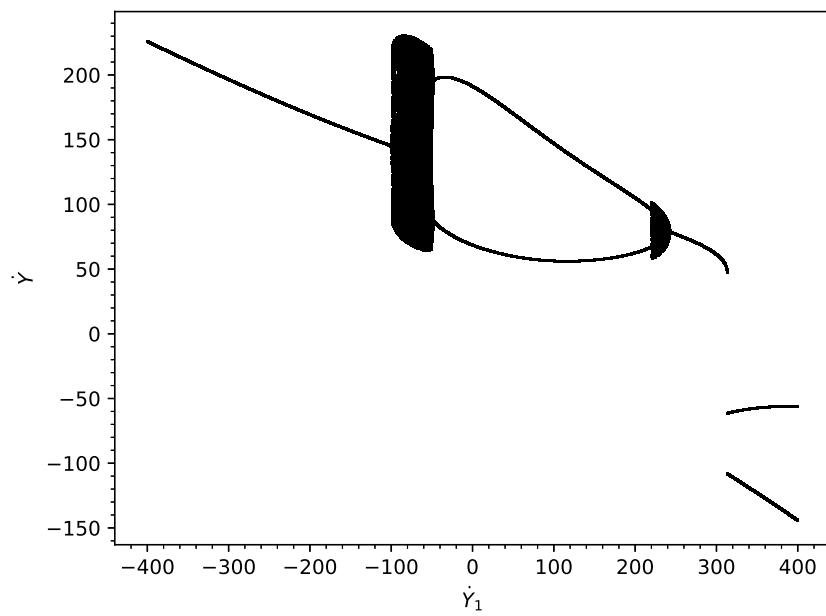


Figure 4.8: Bifurcation diagram varying \dot{Y}_1 between -400 and 400. All other parameters and initial conditions kept as described in Figure 4.1

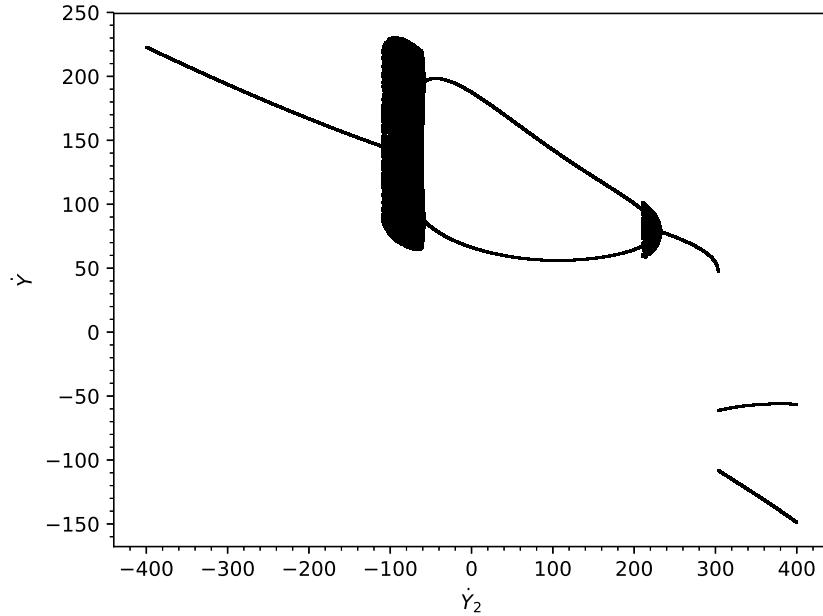


Figure 4.9: Bifurcation diagram varying \dot{Y}_2 between -400 and 400. All other parameters and initial conditions kept as described in Figure 4.1

back into a 2-cycle region when $Y_1 \approx 313.351$.

Figure 4.9 is qualitatively almost identical to the diagram displayed in Figure 4.8. The model displays fixed growth until the bifurcation point when $Y_2 \approx -109.011$. A region of stable 2-cycles exists when $Y_2 \in (-58.206, 210.541)$. Fixed growth recommences after the bifurcation point when $Y_2 \approx 233.103$ before shifting back into stable 2-cycles when $Y_2 \approx 303.350$.

Figure 4.10 possess many regions of clearly visible, ordered cyclic behavior, of note however is presence of stable 2-cycles when $Y_3 \in (19.162, 270.867)$.

4.3 Chaotic Behavior in Growth

Bifurcation analysis of this type allows us to determine the presence and location of bifurcation points separating arbitrary period cycles. However, this is insufficient to determining if varying the parameters of the model result in chaotic behavior and where exactly this transition occurs. The existence of chaos lends credence to the assumption of bounded rationality assigned to firms. If the model always features stable cycles, then it would only be logical that firms would eventually be able to adapt their predictive mechanism to predict this ordered behavior. The effect this shift in expectation rule

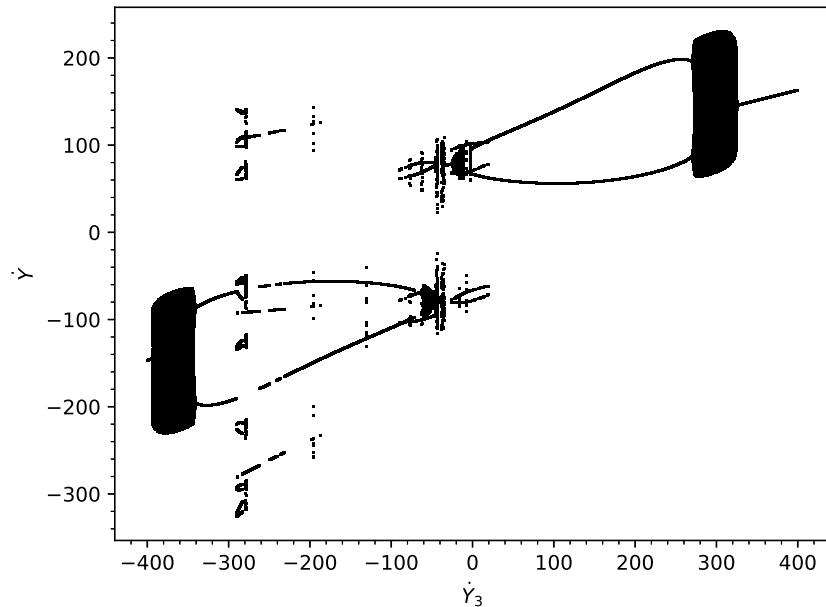


Figure 4.10: Bifurcation diagram varying \dot{Y}_3 between -400 and 400. All other parameters and initial conditions kept as described in Figure 4.1

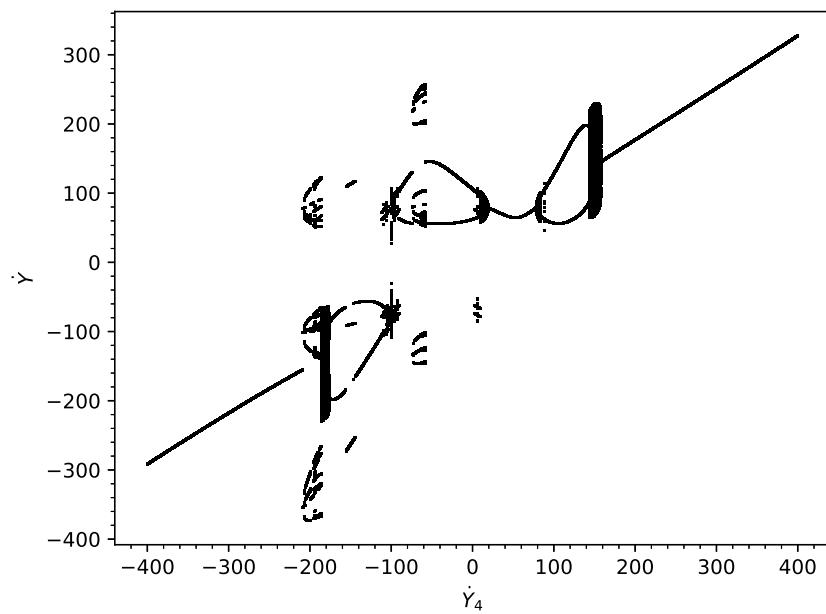


Figure 4.11: Bifurcation diagram varying \dot{Y}_4 between -400 and 400. All other parameters and initial conditions kept as described in Figure 4.1

would have on future dynamics is beyond the scope of this paper; however, the presence of chaos means the model is sufficiently sensitive to initial conditions that firms would not be able to accurately determine the future state of the market as under a chaotic system, knowing the approximate current state of the economy does not inform firms of the approximate future state of the economy.

The method described in the introduction to solve for the lyapunov exponent is applicable to 1-dimensional systems. Although the system is formally a 1-dimensional, 6th order difference equation, existing methods of analysis are much more accomodating to single-order mappings. We thus begin by rewriting the model as a 1st-order difference equation with 6 variables. This can be done by creating and defining the variables $\dot{Y}_{t-1} = \dot{A}_t$, $\dot{A}_{t-1} = \dot{B}_t$, $\dot{B}_{t-1} = \dot{C}_t$, $\dot{C}_{t-1} = \dot{D}_t$, and $\dot{D}_{t-1} = \dot{G}_t$. This allows us to define an equivalent model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Y}_t &= f(\dot{Y}_{t-1}, \dot{A}_{t-1}, \dot{B}_{t-1}, \dot{C}_{t-1}, \dot{D}_{t-1}, \dot{G}_{t-1}) \\ \dot{A}_t &= g(\dot{Y}_{t-1}, \dot{A}_{t-1}, \dot{B}_{t-1}, \dot{C}_{t-1}, \dot{D}_{t-1}, \dot{G}_{t-1}) \\ \dot{B}_t &= h(\dot{Y}_{t-1}, \dot{A}_{t-1}, \dot{B}_{t-1}, \dot{C}_{t-1}, \dot{D}_{t-1}, \dot{G}_{t-1}) \\ \dot{C}_t &= j(\dot{Y}_{t-1}, \dot{A}_{t-1}, \dot{B}_{t-1}, \dot{C}_{t-1}, \dot{D}_{t-1}, \dot{G}_{t-1}) \\ \dot{D}_t &= l(\dot{Y}_{t-1}, \dot{A}_{t-1}, \dot{B}_{t-1}, \dot{C}_{t-1}, \dot{D}_{t-1}, \dot{G}_{t-1}) \\ \dot{G}_t &= m(\dot{Y}_{t-1}, \dot{A}_{t-1}, \dot{B}_{t-1}, \dot{C}_{t-1}, \dot{D}_{t-1}, \dot{G}_{t-1})\end{aligned}$$

The Jacobian matrix of this system of equations is:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{B}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{C}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{D}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{G}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{B}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{C}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{D}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{G}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{B}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{C}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{D}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{G}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial j}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial j}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial j}{\partial \dot{B}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial j}{\partial \dot{C}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial j}{\partial \dot{D}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial j}{\partial \dot{G}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial l}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial l}{\partial \dot{B}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial l}{\partial \dot{C}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial l}{\partial \dot{D}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial l}{\partial \dot{G}_{t-1}} \\ \frac{\partial m}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial m}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial m}{\partial \dot{B}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial m}{\partial \dot{C}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial m}{\partial \dot{D}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial m}{\partial \dot{G}_{t-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{Y}_{t-1}} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}} & s + \frac{k+1}{3}s & 0 & \frac{(k+1)(s-1)}{3} & -\frac{(k+1)s}{3} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y_{t-1}} &= \frac{1}{v \left(q + \frac{Y_{t-1}^4}{v^4} \right)} - \frac{4Y_{t-1}^4}{v^5 \left(q + \frac{Y_{t-1}^4}{v^4} \right)} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial A_{t-1}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(1-s) - s + \frac{4A_{t-1}^4}{v^5 \left(q + \frac{A_{t-1}^4}{v^4} \right)^2} - \frac{1}{v \left(q + \frac{A_{t-1}^4}{v^4} \right)}\end{aligned}$$

Figure 4.12 and 4.13 displays the possible values for the variable partial derivatives of the model over a reasonable range of growth rates. All other partial derivatives present in the Jacobian are clearly constant given a set of parameters.

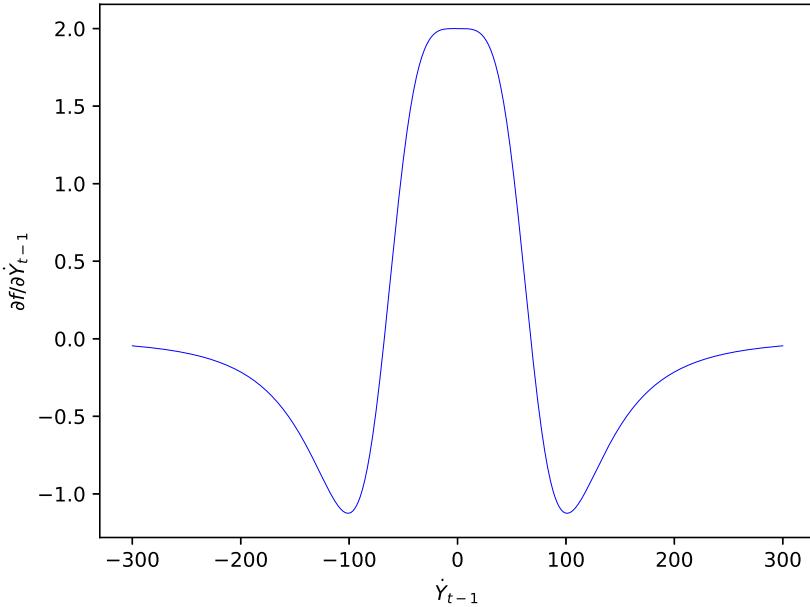


Figure 4.12: Plot of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y_{t-1}}$ with respect to \dot{Y}_{t-1} .

If we think of our mapping as a transformation of an n -dimensional space and the Lyapunov exponent as a measure of the compression and expansion of this space, it is clear that we must track the direction of this action as the transformation iterates through time. This is accomplished by evaluating the evolution of an n -length vector v , normalized to a length of 1 for simplicity as the direction of this vector is all we are concerned with. This occurs with the 1-dimensional case as well, by incorporating a 1-dimensional vector of length 1. This is however, equivalent to the scalar 1 so it need not be explicitly included in calculation for reasons that will be elaborated here. The Jacobian J operates as the higher-dimension analogue to the derivative so by taking the product of the Jacobian

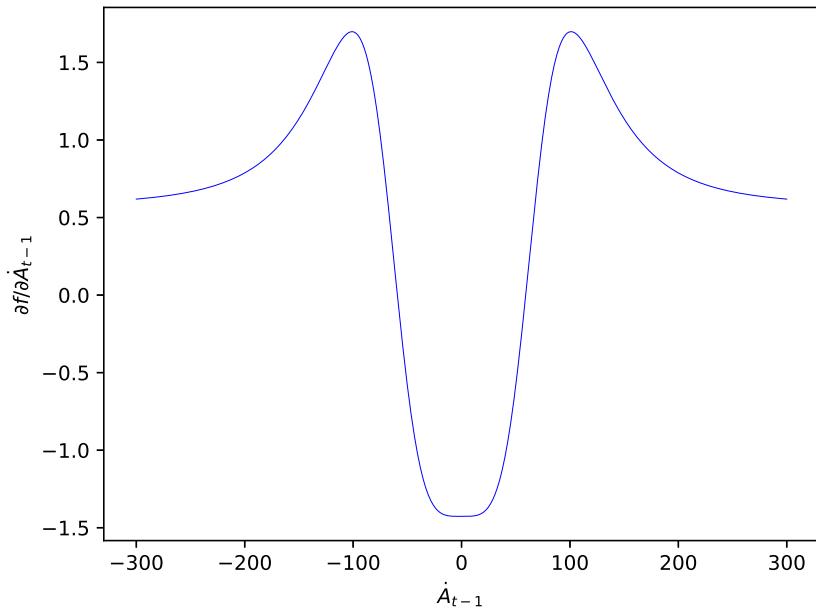


Figure 4.13: Plot of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{A}_{t-1}}$ with respect to $\dot{A}_{t-1} = \dot{Y}_{t-2}$.

and the direction vector, we are able to project our derivatives onto the direction vector. From here, we can solve for the lyapunov exponent much like in our 1-dimensional case:

$$\lambda = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j} \sum_{j=1}^{t=j} \ln |J_t \cdot v_t| \quad (4.9)$$

With a 1-dimensional mapping, $v_t = v = 1$ and $J_t = f'(x_t)$. It is clear how the Jacobian evaluates over time, changing over the course of the time-series. The direction vector must also be updated, this is accomplished by normalizing the length of the projection:

$$v_{t+1} = \frac{J_t \cdot v_t}{|J_t \cdot v_t|} \quad (4.10)$$

A consequence of this is that the lyapunov exponent is now both dependent on the initial condition and the choice of initial direction vector.^{12,19} As stated in the introduction, the initial condition provided it not reside in an unstable periodic cycle; moreover, the choice of intial vector is of little consequence as it quickly updates to the correct elongation direction regardless of intial choice. As stated for the 1-dimensional case, it is typically impractical to solve for the lyapunov exponent analytically; however, we can approximate it by iterating the model for some large t and treating this value as the limit.

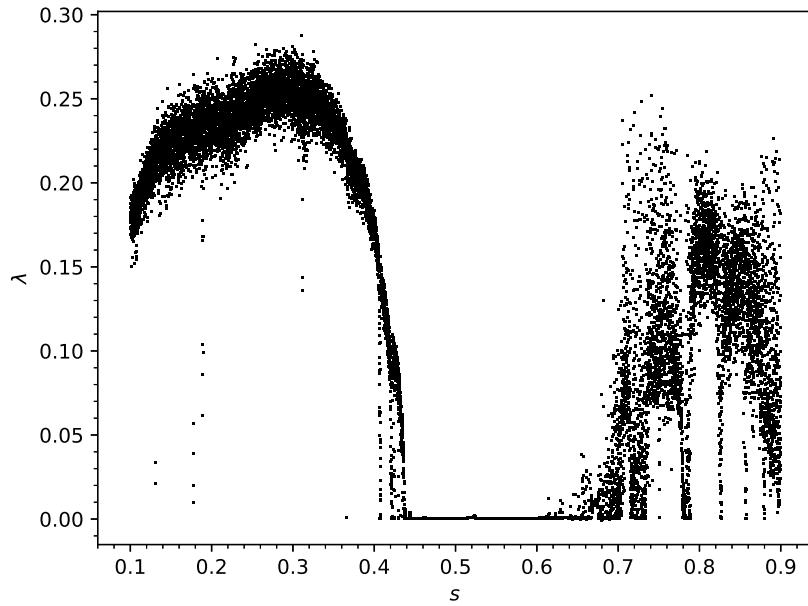


Figure 4.14: Lyapunov plot varying s between 0 and 1. Other parameters and initial conditions are held constant as described in Figure 4.1.

An important note is that although 1-dimensional models only have 1 lyapunov exponent, n dimensional models actually have n lyapunov exponents. The method described above only calculates the largest exponent; however, it is typically only necessary to determine this maximal value as the positivity of this exponent is used as the determiner of chaos in the system. A consequence of the bounded behavior of our model is that the negative lyapunov exponents must "dominate" in order to result in overall compression of the model; otherwise the mapping would result in an explosive model.

Note again that we are calculating only the maximal Lyapunov exponent, thus if the displayed lyapunov exponent is 0, the other exponents may be 0 or even negative meaning that there can be compression of the space occurring even when $\lambda = 0$. Comparing the lyapunov plot to the bifurcation diagrams for each parameter, we can clearly see that parameter ranges where the lyapunov exponent is positive correspond to dense regions in the bifurcation diagram. This implies that parameter choices can result in chaotic behavior as opposed to just cycles of higher periodicity than what was displayed in the bifurcation diagram. The regions of chaotic behavior are unsurprising based on visual observation of the bifurcation diagrams aside from the q parameter. Figure 4.18 is created identically to Figure 4.5 but by excluding the smallest values for q allows us to generate a much more accurate picture of the dynamics of the model as q varies. Here it is obvious

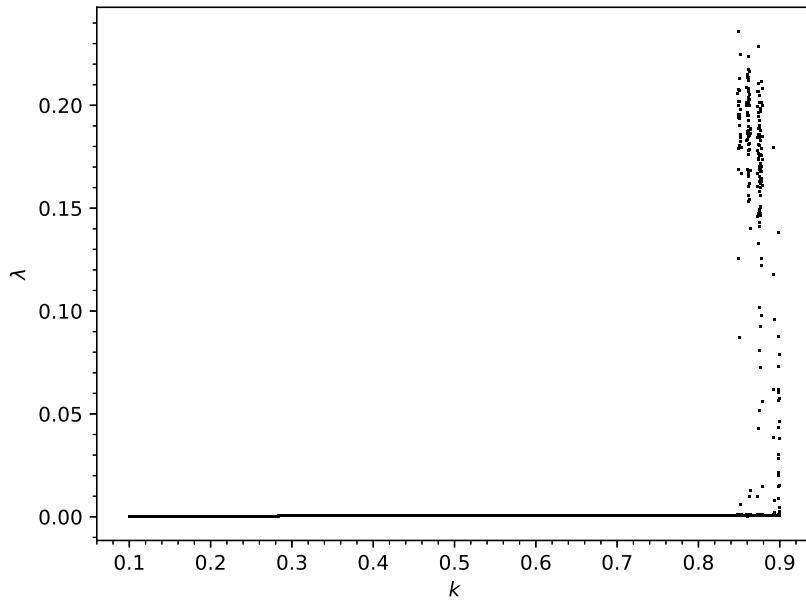


Figure 4.15: Lyapunov plot varying k between 0 and 1. Other parameters and initial conditions are held constant as described in Figure 4.1

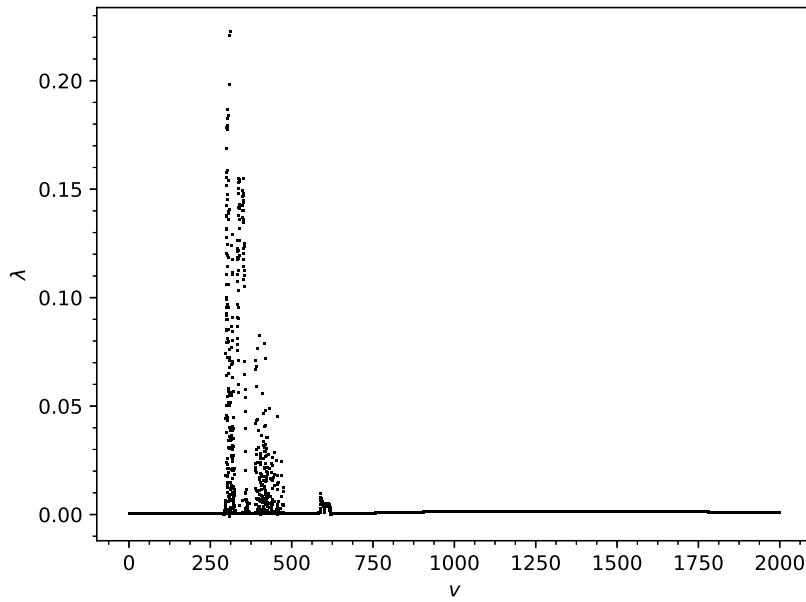


Figure 4.16: Lyapunov plot varying v between 1 and 2000. Other parameters and initial conditions are held constant as described in Figure 4.1

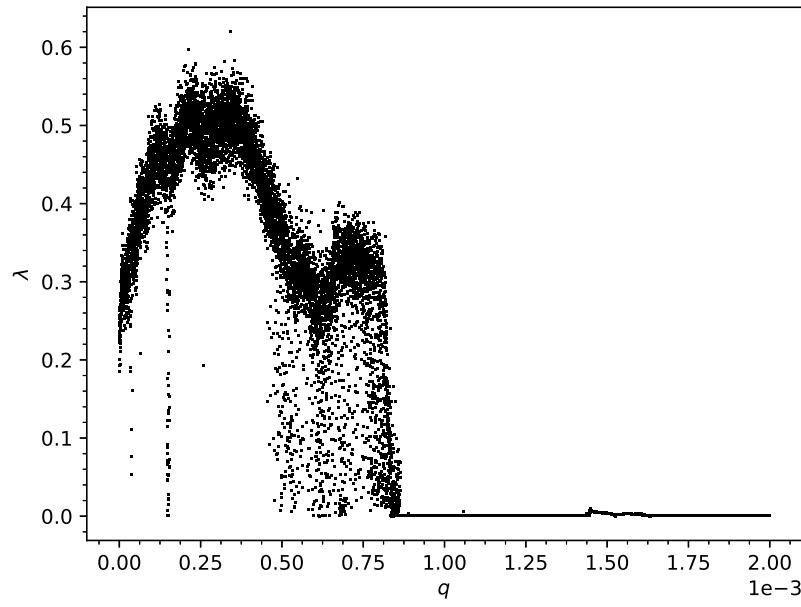


Figure 4.17: Lyapunov plot varying q between 0 and 0.002. Other parameters and initial conditions are held constant as described in Figure 4.1

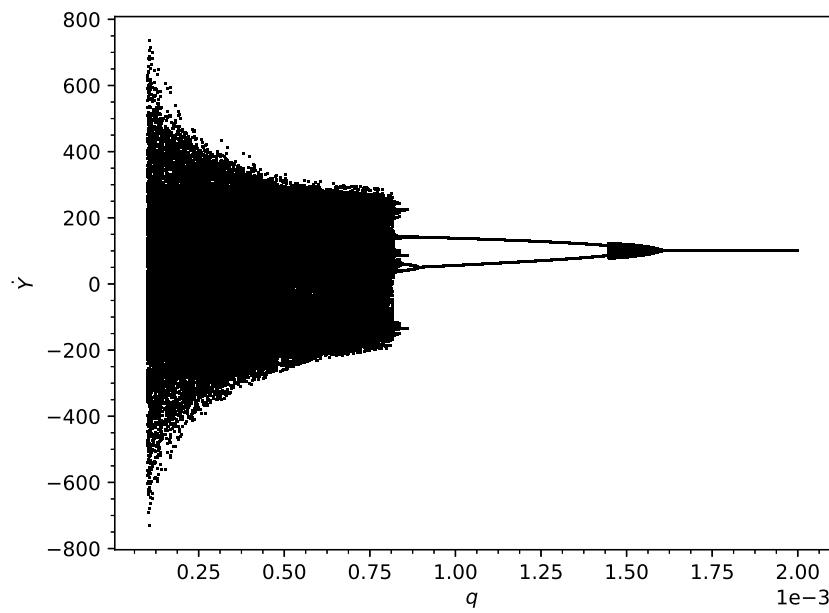


Figure 4.18: Bifurcation diagram varying q between 0.0001 and 0.002. All other parameters and initial conditions kept as described in Figure 4.1

why the Lyapunov exponent plot indicated the presence of chaos until entering a region of stable cycles at $q > 0.889 \times 10^{-3}$.

5. Conclusion

One of the core debates of economic theory is that of the rationality of agents. Keynesian economics was the dominant school of thought until the 1970s which saw the rise of New Classical economics.²⁰ Lucas and Sargent were two key spearheads of this movement with their influential paper titled "After Keynesian Macroeconomics",¹⁶ key to their complaints were the lack of microeconomic foundations in Keynesian models. Real business cycle theory, a major branch of New Classical economics believed that business cycles were a rational response to exogenous shocks to the economy and were perfectly efficient. However, this also meant that business cycles would not arise endogenously as firms and consumers would learn over time the behavior of the economy as they, as a whole, acted rationally. Though Keynesianism has since gained in popularity again, these lessons of New Classical Economics continue to influence the microfoundations of macroeconomic New Keynesian models.

Wegener, et al. directly based their inventory cycle model on that developed by Metzler. However, both of these models required that firms be boundedly rational which, to a New Classical economist, would be an unrealistic assumption not rooted in microeconomic foundations. However, it is appropriate to limit the ability for firms to predict the future if the reason for it can be appropriately explained. Behavioral economics and experimental data has frequently shown a gap between perfectly rational, utilitarian behavior and what is actually practiced by humans;²¹ however, there is another mechanism that can be used to explain the inability for firms to behave rationally. Some models make use of stochastic shocks; these tend to follow a New Classical real business cycle framework as these stochastic processes are the primary drivers of economic cycles. Another possible process is that of chaotic behavior. Under these conditions, it is possible for the economy to reside in a completely deterministic state while still making it impossible for firms to accurately predict future states in the economy because in chaotic system, knowing the approximate current or past states does not mean that one knows the future state to any reasonable approximation. Having the unpredictability of the economy be primarily driven by chaotic processes rather than stochastic ones is of great use from a policy

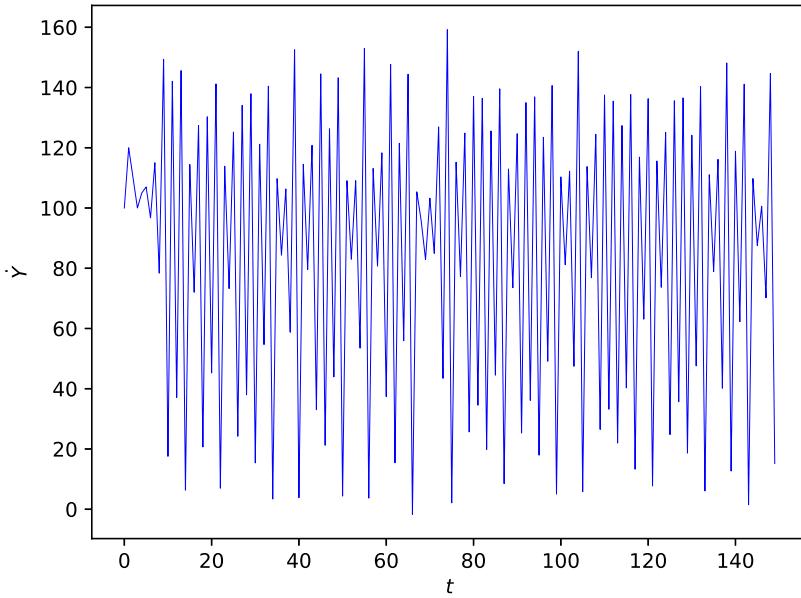


Figure 5.1: Timeseries plot of income growth rate over 150 iterations. $s = 0.4$, $k = 0.3$, $v = 500$, $q = 0.001$. Initial values of \dot{Y} are: 100, 120, 110, 100, 105, 107

perspective, this is discussed in greater detail by Faggini and Parziale.²²

The growth model described in Chapter 4 has a basis in Metzler's inventory cycle but also incorporates a multiplier-accelerator mechanism for endogenous investment and consumption and the results of numerical simulations of the model display the possibility of chaos, in addition to other phenomena such as the existence of multiple attractors. Of particular note is the bifurcation diagram and lyapunov exponent plot of the parameter s . The marginal propensity to save, under the initial conditions and other parameter choice tested, do not display any stable fixed points. In fact, over the possible range of s , most possible trajectories are chaotic; one such trajectory is displayed in Figure 5.1. Figure 4.15 also displays chaotic behavior; however, this only occurs when k is very large and is unlikely to occur in a real scenario. Both s and k are the two parameter choices that describe the behavior of the agents of the economy in non-monetary terms. Based on the results of Figure 4.15 and 4.3, variation of this parameter has minor effects on the growth rate of the economy compared to variation of s . This implies that the choice of inventory proportion, outside of extreme cases, has a minor impact on the long-run dynamics of the model. This is not to say that the inventory cycle is itself a minor factor of the economy; removal of the inventory cycle changes this model to an unsimplified version of the model presented in Chapter 2 which features

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